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JAB-O-METER TAKE YOUR SHOT

October 18 **79,74,435 doses**

October 19 **37,92,737 doses**

TOTAL DOSES: 99,08,97,514

NATIONWIDE	OCT 18	OCT 19
Fresh cases	13,596	13,058
Recoveries	19,582	19,470
Deaths	166	164

KARNATAKA	OCT 18	OCT 19
Fresh cases	214	349
Recoveries	488	399
Deaths	12	14

CENTRE FLAGS SLOW UPTAKE OF 2ND COVID VACCINE DOSE

The Centre has urged states to focus on increasing the coverage of the second dose as total vaccination is nearing 100 crore

REVIEWS PROGRESS OF INOCULATION PROJECT

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Monday reviewed the progress of vaccination with health secretaries and mission directors of national health missions in states and Union territories. During the meeting via videoconference, it was highlighted that a sizeable number of beneficiaries have not received their second dose of the Covid vaccine **P3**

THERE IS NO SUPPLY PROBLEM: CENTRE

- At the virtual conference, the Centre pointed out that many states have adequate doses for the second jab. If needed, additional doses can be sent to states, it added
- During the meeting, states and Union territories were advised to identify and prioritise districts having low coverage

10.2 crore

VACCINE DOSES ARE AVAILABLE WITH THE STATES, ACCORDING TO THE CENTRE

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

Gushing currents of a swollen Ganga lash at the statue of Lord Shiva at Rishikesh on Tuesday | AFP

U'Khand rain toll goes up to 28

Nainital bears brunt with 18 deaths

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AT least 22 people were killed in Uttarakhand on Tuesday as incessant rains, exacerbated by cloudbursts and landslides, pounded the hilly state, taking the number of people died due to rain-related incidents over the past three days to 28. According to officials, the toll may go up as many are still missing and some of the rescued have been critically injured. Nainital bore the brunt as the district reported as many as 18 deaths on Tuesday. Three deaths were reported from Almora, while one died in Champawat.

According to the India Meteorological Department data, Uttarakhand received 'very heavy' to 'extremely heavy' rainfall in the past 24 hours with the Kumaon division receiving as high as 500 mm of rainfall, followed by Udham Singh Nagar recording at 403.9 mm, Nainital 401 mm, and Pithoragarh 212.1 mm. The weather station in Mukteshwar of Nainital district recorded 340.8 mm rainfall, the highest since 1914.

"This is the highest even rainfall in history. Such rainfall has never been recorded before. There will be respite from Wednesday as the western disturbance has started weakening," said Bikram Singh, director of the India Meteorological Department, Uttarakhand. Indian Army has been called in for search and rescue operations. Three choppers have also been pressed into service.

"Rescue efforts are on in full swing. Hundreds of people have been trapped at various places, hotels and resorts. They are also being ferried to safer locations," said Uttarakhand DGP Ashok Kumar.

Nainital, the worst-affected district, witnessed overflowing of the Naini lake leading to flooding of the Mall Road as well as several other low-lying localities.

On Tuesday, PM Narendra Modi spoke to Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami offering Centre's help.

While Kumaon division was battered by incessant rains, Garhwal remained unaffected. The hill state has 13 districts in two divisions – Kumaon and Garhwal. **P7**

WASHED AWAY

Hundreds of landslides block roads across the state

Roads, bridges, railway tracks washed away at some locations

IMD predicts **'very heavy' to 'extremely heavy'** rainfall in the state in the next 24 hours

Udham Singh Nagar district records highest of **403.9 mm** of rain, followed by Nainital district with 401 mm and Pithoragarh with **212.1 mm**

Nainital's Mukteshwar recorded **340.8 mm** rainfall, its highest since 1914

People from **Karnataka** who are stranded or relatives of the stranded can call **080-1070, 080-2234 0676**

Heavy showers in Kerala from today

Kerala is bracing for very heavy showers for three consecutive days starting Wednesday, which can go up to 204.4 mm in 24-hour span.

KITCHEN STAPLE PRICES SOAR ACROSS SOUTH INDIA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

IT'S that time of the year when the prices of kitchen staples acquire wings, fluctuating wildly depending on the monsoon mood swings. Add to that the higher cost of transport because pricy diesel, and it is the aam aadmi who is forced to bear the brunt. The trend is uniform across the South.

One estimate on the cost add-on because of the fuel price flare-up came from Umesh Mirji, managing director of the Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society in Karnataka. He said a 5-10% rise in vegetable cost is due to the rise in diesel prices, which has already crossed ₹100.

The Pedda Waltair Rythu Bazaar in Vizag stood out as an example of the yo-yo situation. While last Saturday, a kilo of tomatoes was sold at ₹52, on Tuesday, it dropped to ₹44. But the price could soon cross ₹50 again as tomatoes are getting scarcer. "Tomato prices might increase again as a lot of farms and produce were destroyed due to heavy rains and the cyclone," informed Jagadeesh, a vendor.

In Vijayawada, tomatoes on Tuesday were sold at ₹40, while it was ₹24 a fortnight ago; onions at ₹40 per kg as compared to ₹29 earlier; and green chilies at ₹34 while it was ₹16 a fortnight ago. "The prices came as a shock when I visited the bazaar today," said S Dhanalakshmi, a homemaker.

In the Hyderabad market, vegetables such as tomato and green chillies that are usually available at ₹10 and ₹15 a kg respectively this time of the year, are now being sold at ₹30. At the Bowenpally Vegetable Market, one of the biggest in Hyderabad, onions were available for ₹20 a kg till Monday. A day later, its price jumped to ₹30. Other pricey vegetables including drum sticks (₹60), carrot (₹40), capsicum (₹65) and field beans (₹50). **CONTINUED ON: P7**

State advised to vax 17-yr-olds first

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

ONCE approvals for Covid vaccines for children come through, the Karnataka government is likely to start vaccinating kids in the age group of 16-17 first.

As two vaccines for children — ZyCovD from Zydus Cadila and Covaxin — are getting notified, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) advised the state government to start planning and make preparations for rolling out the vaccines.

"We have recommended starting the vaccination from higher ages that is 17, and then covering other lower-aged children. Also, children with comorbidities should be vaccinated on priority," said Dr CN Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Hospital, who is also a member of the TAC.

TAC experts opined that as the number of doses available initially will be limited, it is better to follow the pattern adopted while vaccinating adults. **P3**

EXPRESS READ

Sexual abuse case against Special Public Prosecutor

Mangaluru: Lokayukta Special Public Prosecutor KSN Rajesh from Mangaluru has been booked by the city police for sexual harassment after his intern, studying at a law college in the city, filed a complaint against him. The victim stated that the accused allegedly sexually assaulted her in September. **P5**

Bajrang Dal leader attacked

Tumakuru: Tension gripped the city after District Convener of Bajrang Dal Manju Bhargav and his friend Kiran were attacked by a group of unruly youth on Bengaluru-Honnavara NH-206 on Tuesday. **P7**

40% tickets for women in Cong

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

EXHORTING women to join active politics and fight for their rights, Congress general secretary and UP in-charge Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday said 40% of the party's tickets for the state polls due early next year would go to women. She, however, dodged questions on her own electoral debut, saying she has not taken a call yet.

Asked whether she would contest from Rae Bareli or Amethi, she said, "I'll have to fight one day or the other. But for now I haven't given it a thought."

Priyanka said 40% was a figure to start off with and the reservation for women could be increased to 50% in future. She advised women, "No one is here to protect you. Only those who talk about protecting you are protected, but not you." **P9**

BBMP hits a pothole, tells motorists to ride carefully

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

COMMUTE on city roads at your own risk: This is what it has come down to as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike appears to have thrown up its hands on the persisting challenge of filling up potholes across Bengaluru.

Stopping short of admitting that it was lack of foresight and planning that has made the ride bumpy for Bengalureans, the BBMP engineers are now squarely blaming bad weather conditions and lack of adequate bitumen for their failure to fill the craters on roads across the city.

A BBMP West Zone engineer told TNIE, "When we put the gravel into a pothole, we don't have enough time to pour the bitumen. By that time it starts raining and everything gets washed away." **P2**

A signboard asking motorists to move slowly in view of ongoing works has been put up by BBMP on Hennur Road | VINOD KUMAR T

Major schemes by the Government for comprehensive development of Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka

Education, Training, Social empowerment, Infrastructure and Economic Development Programmes

- Hostel and educational facilities have been provided for **79,168** students in **404** Valmiki Ashrama schools and Hostels and **156** Residential schools and Ekalavya Model Residential schools.
- Scholarship to **5,27,137** students amounting to **Rs. 201 crore** grant distributed.
- Incentive of **Rs.75 crore** to **40,795** students who have passed in 1st Class in first attempt itself.
- Training being imparted to **1,200** candidates in prestigious Training Institutions at a total expenditure of **Rs. 12 crore** to prepare for IAS /IPS and other competitive examinations.
- Loans will be provided to Scheduled Tribes entrepreneurs at **4%** discounted interest rate up to a maximum of **Rs 10 crore** from **KSFC,** Nationalized Banks and DCC Banks.
- Parallel guarantee will be provided to a maximum of **Rs 2 crore** of sanctioned loan from **KSFC**.
- With the aim of providing services, Mobile Health Units are functioning in the State with association of the Medical Education Department and Health and Family Welfare Department.
- Additional food items are being distributed to **43,171** tribal families living in forests and border areas along with ration food grains at a cost of **Rs.50 crore** through nutritious food scheme.
- Distribution of incentives for inter-caste/widow/sub-sect inter-caste/simple marriage and marriage of children of devadasis.
- Development of infrastructure in Scheduled Tribes colonies under Pragati Yojana.
- Construction of Valmiki Bhavan/Community hall at Village/Hobli/Taluk/District levels to organise Cultural programmes/Meetings and Functions.
- Construction of **2,732** houses for the beneficiaries of Koraga and Jenukuruba **(PVTG)** communities.

Karnataka Sri Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited:

- Under Integrated Ganga Kalyan Yojana, steps have been taken to drill bore wells for **7,477** beneficiaries.
- Under land ownership scheme land has been purchased and given to **1,069** Scheduled Caste landless women agricultural labourers and made them owners.
- Under the Entrepreneurship Development Scheme, **1,884** beneficiaries have been assisted in freight, dairying and sheep rearing.
- Steps have been taken to provide facilities to **3,056** beneficiaries under the Self Employment Direct Loan Scheme.
- During the year **2019-20** and **2020-21**, a total of **8,210** nomadic, semi-nomadic and forest-based adivasi community beneficiaries have been given assistance for self-employment.
- Under Prerana, Micro Credit (small loan) Scheme, **10,032** Members of Self-Help Group have been provided with subsidy loan facilities.

It is the duty of every citizen to protect and preserve the natural environment including forest, rivers, lakes, and wildlife.

Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department

Sri Maharshi Valmiki Jayanthi

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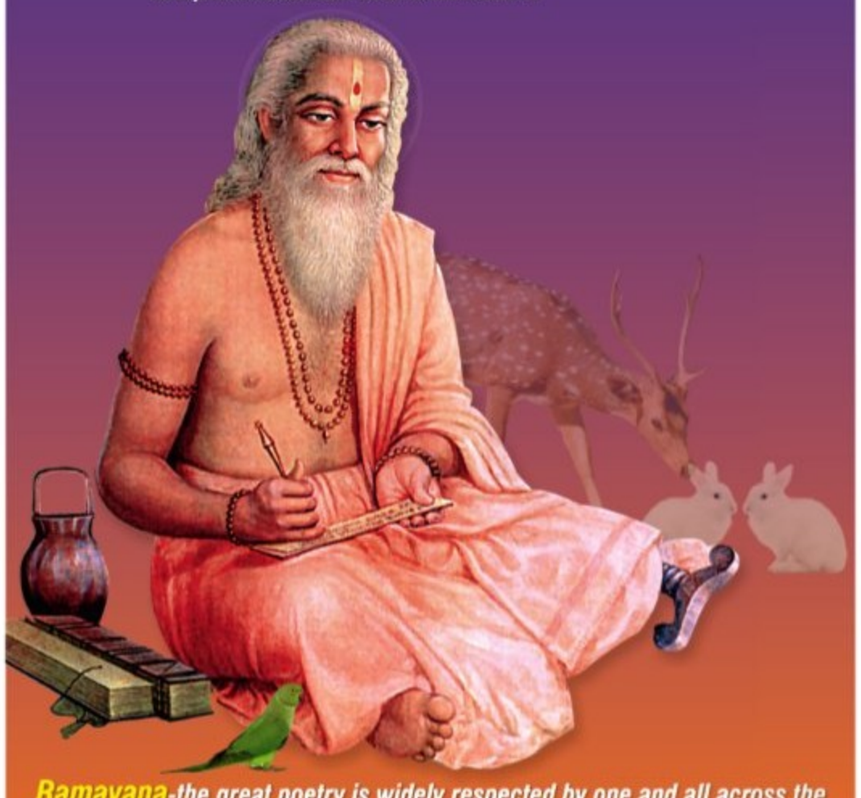
Sri Maharshi Valmiki Award Presentation Ceremony

Koojantham Ramaramethi Madhuram Madhuraksharam II
Aaruhya Kavithashaakhaam Vande Valmiki Kokilam II



Ramayana-the great poetry is widely respected by one and all across the world including poets, thinkers, intellectuals, common man alike since yore, Let's pay our humble tributes to Sri Maharshi Valmiki, who was the author of this masterpiece

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Inauguration :
Sri Basavaraj S Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Paying tributes to the statue of **Sri Maharshi Valmiki**
Sri B Sreeramulu Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Welfare Department & Transport Department

Presided by:
Sri Rizwan Arshad
Hon'ble MLA, Shivajinagar Constituency

Date : 20.10.2021 Wednesday **Morning :** 10.30
Venue : Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.

Hearty welcome to all Honourable Union Ministers, Union Ministers of State, Ministers of Karnataka Govt., Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Vidhana Sabha and Vidhana Parishath, Elected Representatives and Presidents of Boards/Corporations.

Sri B Sreeramulu, Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Welfare Department and Transport Department interacting with students.

Hearty Welcome to All:

Dr. N Nagambika Devi, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary,
Social Welfare & Tribal Welfare Department

P. S. Kantharaju, KAS
Director,
Schedulded Tribes Welfare Department

Prof. T.T. Basavana Gowda
Director,
Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute

Kavitha M Warangal
Managing Director,
Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribal Development Corporation

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BENGALURU

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Wednesday : 20/10/2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Ashwayuja • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Purnima 7.12 pm • Nakshatra: Revathi 1.55 pm • Moon in Mesha Rashi • Rahukaala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Gulikakala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Yamaganda: 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST Overcast

Sunrise 6.10 am
Sunset 5.58 pm
Moonrise 5.58 pm
Moonset 5.57 am

10 YEARS LATER

Operational network 56.09 km | PHASE I 42.3 KM | Purple Line: Baiyappanahalli to Mysuru Road: 18.1 km; Green Line: Nagasandra to Yelachenahalli: 23.2 km | PHASE II 13.79 KM | Purple Line: Mysuru Road to Kengeri: 7.5 km; Green Line: Yelachenahalli to Silk Institute: 6.29 km

Namma Metro clocks 60 cr rides in 10-yr run

Grosses fare revenue of Rs 1,282 cr, incurs Rs 45 lakh loss every day

S. LALITHA@Bengaluru

FROM a network of 6.7-km on October 20, 2011, to 56.09-km at present, South India's first Metro service has traversed quite a distance from its once derided 'Toy Train' status. Despite project delays, cost overruns, pandemic induced stoppage of work and complete closure of operations resulting in the present steep fall in ridership, Namma Metro has over the decade, cemented its place as a crucial mode of public transport for the City.

An average of 2.12 lakh rides are taken per day presently on Namma Metro as opposed to 5.26 lakh riders during the pre-Covid times.

A cross section of Metro commuters expressed relief over the smooth and traffic-free ride the Metro offers. One such commuter is Krishna Prasad, a senior citizen and a rail enthusiast. He hopped on board the first train when it was opened for commercial operations and continues to use the Metro even today. "Metro has helped the public enormously. The cosy atmosphere, comfortable ride and punctuality are its big pluses. When you assure someone you would meet them at a particular time, you can be sure you will make it if you take the Metro, unlike in the case of buses or personal transport, "he said.

BIEC stretch to be launched next

On the route ahead for Metro, the focus will be on launching the 3-km stretch between Nagasandra to Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) by September/October 2022 and then the Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield line by end of next year.

Urban transportation expert Sanjeev Dyamannavar says, "The quality of service offered by Metro has been consistent in the last decade and this deserves to be appreciated. Over a period of time, the quality of any service deteriorates, but this has not happened in the case of Metro."

A S Shankar, Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) told TNIE, "A total of 60 crore rides have been taken by passengers on Metro since its inception. Our fare-box revenue stands at 1282.6 crore so far." Speaking about the huge dent in patronage caused by Covid-19, he said that with 3-cars converted to 6-cars and more lines added, the ridership was expected to be between 8 lakh and 9 lakh a day. "What we are having presently is far less than our expectations, but with offices and educational institutions opening up and public confidence level going up, ridership is bound to go up," he added.

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez said the fare revenue ranged between Rs 50 lakh to Rs 55 lakh/day while the operational costs per day ranged between Rs 95 lakh and Rs 1 crore. "We are incurring a loss of Rs 40 to Rs 45 lakh each day presently," he said.

A major thrust is being given to the connectivity between the Metro and BMTC, KSRTC and the Railways, apart from giving last mile and first mile connectivity, he added.

A WEEK'S DEADLINE

Officials told to ready micro plan on potholes

ENS @ Bengaluru

URBAN Development Department Additional Chief Secretary Rakesh Singh on Tuesday chaired a closed-door meeting with senior officials of the BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM and other stakeholders where a deadline of next Tuesday was set to prepare a micro plan to address the issues raised by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and also implement it. The meeting was held a day after the CM visited HSR Layout which was severely affected over the last few days due to heavy rainfall, especially Sectors 4 and 6.

At the meeting, held at the BBMP's HRS Layout office, the officials were told to prepare the plan and act on it immediately to clear garbage, repair drains and make all efforts to ensure that storm water and sewage water are not mixed. The BMRCL was also directed to not just patch fix potholes, but also recarpet the roads wherever it is undertaking works. The same will also have to be done by the BBMP. This is because potholes on most roads are a huge discomfort for commuters, especially two-wheeler riders, who are facing severe hardships and dangers, Singh told TNIE.

He said the meeting was held to address the issue of flood damage and ensure repairs and restoration works are implemented immediately. Another meeting will be held in a few days to take stock of the works done and steps for the future.

BOVINE BLOCKADE

A motorist drives away stray cows while a two-wheeler rider waits on HBR Layout Outer Ring Road in Bengaluru, on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR.T

Palike engineers complain about shortage of bitumen

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The BBMP officials TNIE spoke to revealed that most of the bitumen is being used by contractors who have been assigned major road works. The city requires around 60 loads of bitumen, but since the Palike engineers do not get sufficient quantities, the roads are left unattended, he added.

"Certain parts of Outer Ring Road (ORR) are really bad. While some portions have been white-topped, tarring the remaining parts is almost impossible as there has been continuous rain and heavy traffic on the stretch. Each time the wet mix is put, it gets washed away because of rain and lack of adequate bitumen. BWSSB restoration works too are going on, which have further slowed down our repairs," said a BBMP engineer from East Zone.

The BBMP has now come up with a "Plan B": Putting up boards, posters and banners — starting with Outer Ring Road, between Horamavu and Hennur — asking motorists to drive carefully as "road works are in progress" and attributing the delays to heavy rains.

"Until finances are arranged (for more stocks of bitumen) and the rain recedes, putting up such boards and banners will help," the engineer said. Many commuters were shocked and amused to see such boards on Monday and Tuesday.

While the boards are now only on Outer Ring Road, BBMP officials said that engineers from other zones too have appreciated the idea as it allows them more time to complete the works. This, despite BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta holding a virtual meeting with chief engineers and engineers of all BBMP zones and directing them to fill potholes at the earliest.

Engineers from Rajarajeshwari Nagar and West zones too are planning to put up such boards on main roads and parts of highways where filling of potholes is difficult.

Railopolis plan goes off track as rly body shutters down

S. LALITHA@Bengaluru

THE abrupt move by the Railway Board on Monday night to close down its nine-year-old Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) has put a big question mark over the future of major passenger amenities proposed at the Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (Bengaluru City) Railway Station. Along with four other major stations in the country, Indian Railways handed over KSR station to IRSDC for facility management in November 2018. The process of revamping the railway station on the lines of an airport was under way.

This Special Purpose Vehicle was a joint venture formed on April 12, 2012, between the Rail Land Development Authority, RITES and Ircon International Limited. The IRSDC aimed at transforming KSR Railway Station into a Railopolis, an integrated mini-smart city for passengers and visitors to work, play, and ride. As part of this, tenders were called for on September 3 this year for a Rail Arcade. "It was to have food and beverage outlets, a gaming zone, toys, garment shops, handlooms, artefacts, and other commercial outlets," said a senior official.

Redevelopment of the station was another priority. "We had plans to build swanky retail spaces and waiting lounges on the lines of Habib Ganj station (MP) and a five-star hotel like in Gandhinagar (Gujarat) railway station. The focus of Railways would now be on running the trains, and all these would be put on the back-burner, "another official said.

"To start a venture in the Railways, the procedures to be completed, is tedious and it will take a while before any major amenity can be implemented," the official said.

The three-year contract given by Railways to IRSDC for facility management was to expire shortly but it was expected to be automatically extended.

A pedestrian struggles to walk along the potholed Hennur road in Bengaluru. The BBMP has cautioned motorists to drive carefully | VINOD KUMAR.T

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20th October : Since ancient times we have been fascinated by comets, the strange stars with tails which appear in the sky from time to time and then disappear after a few weeks. Once we regarded them as harbingers of doom. These days some scientists think life on earth was actually seeded from comets. Perhaps we all came from outer space!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20) Erratic and argumentative alignments are replaced by greater certainty, represented by the restraining grip of Saturn, the celestial school master. You may therefore be subject to a major dose of reality, forcing you to reconsider a number of recent arrangements.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21) Travel plans should now move along a little more easily. Perhaps it is thanks to Mercury's changing location that you now appear able to make your voice heard above the general din that seems to surround you. You might even come across a cache of secret cash!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Money matters are still to the fore, but now is the time to recognise that enough is enough. Get a grip on your affairs and realise that tradition is more important than strange modern ways of doing things. Also, necessities are a better buy than luxuries.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) In many ways it's still a stable, sensible sort of a time. Everything that is most conservative about your character should stand you in good stead today. Emphasise practical solutions and don't give way to anger or resentment over any recent hurts or slights.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23) The Sun is still in an intense mood, and could encourage an indication of simmering family tensions. But your first step is to get on and finish worthwhile activities, rather than complaining about why nothing ever seems to work out. Optimistic Leos should set about domestic repairs without delay.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) Social contacts should again be emphasised today, but with a difference. The significant relationships will be those with people who are older, more experienced or more secure than you. Wild spending and extravagance will solve nothing, unless having too much money is a problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) The costs of a recent responsibility, perhaps a social obligation, may have alarmed you. However, it looks as if you may have very little alternative but to smile and settle up. But perhaps what's really important is the emotional cost, and all that's needed are a few soothing words.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Even though your life recently has been all about maintaining balance and following the middle way, you may now feel able to swing to extremes. If you take a risk and abandon your normal belief in harmony, then you'll soon see what happens to your chosen long-term plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22) Today's intriguing developments favour a solution to your business cares and financial woes. The answer lies in long-term investments and savings, not in making a fast buck, going for a quick fix or indulging in any risky enterprise. An older acquaintance could have the best advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20) Even those of you whose life is moving at break-neck speed should slow down today, or at least consolidate the gains you've made so far. Anything that is not secure may be swept away by the long-running dispute between macho Mars and electrifying Uranus.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Risk a confrontation only if you are perfectly happy to incur certain losses. These may be financial or professional but are more likely to relate to a family partnership. Otherwise keep your head down and avoid trouble, while people around you calm down.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20) You're in exactly the right mood to take up the cudgels on behalf of some noble or idealistic cause. I have two words of advice, though: get your facts straight and don't go behind anybody's back. If you jump in without due consideration, you'll risk massive embarrassment!

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

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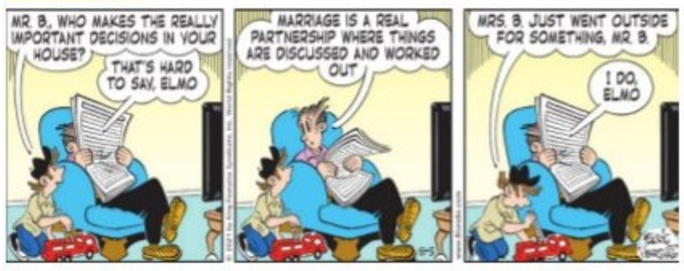
MR. B, WHO MAKES THE REALLY IMPORTANT DECISIONS IN YOUR HOUSE?
THAT'S HARD TO SAY, ELMO
MARRIAGE IS A REAL PARTNERSHIP WHERE THINGS ARE DISCUSSED AND WORKED OUT
MRS. B JUST WENT OUTSIDE FOR SOMETHING, MR. B.
I DO, ELMO

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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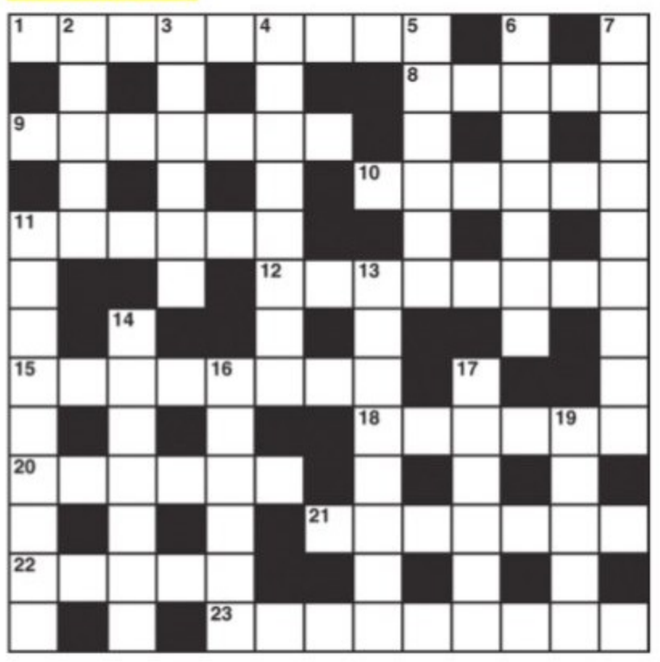
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Squad in one vessel start to cheer for another (9)
8 Part of the carcase the lions chewed up (5)
9 Down-payment I posted off (7)
10 A short dress, mother, to say the least (6)
11 There's some point in this system (6)
12 This year is set for emotional outburst (8)
15 The wrongdoer makes a final bid to get outside (8)
18 Wild cats in comical capers (6)
20 For each expert a pastry dish is brought in (6)
21 Lack of faith in humanity (7)
22 A doctor gets behind the plan (5)
23 A shaver of today - or tomorrow? (9)

DOWN

2 Indicating the right quarter (5)
3 A piece of wood in a ship (6)
4 Good man had an urge and joined up (8)
5 Record turnover is not commonly a cause of it (6)
6 Nice area for vacations (7)
7 It provides good tips for consumers (9)
11 Norma made new notes (9)
13 Narrow gauge train set spread out (8)
14 Movie queen from the continent (7)
16 Fastidiousness for exactness (6)
17 Puts banknotes into circulation so one says (6)
19 A social class scattered over the Orient (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Honours, 4 Apron, 7 Mood, 8 Mercutio, 10 Nitric acid, 12 Radium, 13 Recess, 15 Well behind, 18 Vibrates, 19 Once, 20 Rated, 21 Samoyed.

Down: 1 Human, 2 Noontide, 3 Seesaw, 4 Archimedes, 5 Rite, 6 Noodles, 9 Minute hand, 11 Leniency, 12 Recover, 14 Sleeps, 16 Dread, 17 Abet.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ODRPU

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TOP DOG
We haven't sold a single one.
The loan is due. They're going to take everything.
Foxy
Nov 3
HE BORROWED MONEY TO OPEN A STAND TO SELL HIS TANK TOPS AND ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

HIS ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** RANCH ERUPT PROFIT SEPTUM

ANSWER: When asked if he liked having the densest coat of any animal, the sea otter said – "FUR" SURE"

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Karnataka on Tuesday logged 349 new cases of Covid-19 and 14 deaths, taking the total number of infections to 29,84,022 and death toll to 37,967, the Health Department said. The day also saw 399 discharges, pushing the total number of recoveries to 29,36,926. Bengaluru Urban accounted for 161 new cases, as the city saw 125 discharges and 5 deaths

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

349 CASES REPORTED TODAY

214 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDSTILL

TODAY	29,84,022
YESTERDAY	29,83,673

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
14	12

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until October 19, 2021, a total of 29,84,022 cases have been reported in 1 year and 224 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
399	488

Active cases

TODAY	9,100
YESTERDAY	9,164

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	6.01%
YESTERDAY	6.02%

The day positivity rate - **0.41%** is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of **100 tests** conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.27%
YESTERDAY	1.27%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.42%
YESTERDAY	98.41%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

161 BENGALURU URBAN	2 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	0
Ballari	1
Belagavi	5
Bidar	1
Chamarajanagar	1
Chikkaballapur	0
Chikkamagaluru	8
Chitradurga	4
Dakshina Kannada	24
Davanagere	1
Dharwad	2
Gadag	0
Hassan	23
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	0
Kodagu	4
Kolar	5
Koppal	2
Mandya	4
Mysuru	37
Raichur	1
Ramanagara	4
Shivamogga	12
Tumakuru	14
Udupi	12
Uttara Kannada	19
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	1

HALF OF ELIGIBLE POPULATION IN STATE YET TO TAKE SECOND JAB

Complacency, misinformation stumbling blocks for enhancing coverage, say health experts

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

THE Union Health Ministry on Tuesday directed all states and Union Territories to focus on improving the second dose coverage. Like in several other state, in Karnataka too, administration of the second dose has been a challenge, officials point out. Out of the 4.08 crore population vaccinated with the first dose in the state, 2.06 crore are yet to take their second dose.

"Now there is no shortage of vaccine or supply chain issues, but yet, we are seeing a gap in the number of people coming forward to take their second dose of vaccination. The State Government is also conducting several awareness programmes and is encouraging people to take the second dose. People should know that it is important," said Dr C N Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

As per the State Government data, almost 90% of people have been administered at least one dose of vaccination across the 31 districts in the state. "Even in some of the districts like Bidar, Kalaburgi, Raichuru, Yadgir and Koppal, where the vaccination coverage of the first dose was very low, we have pushed people to take their vaccines and the coverage has gone up. The second dose is also being given accordingly," explained a doctor from the Health Department.

In BBMP limits, we call people who are due for their 2nd dose, we also send SMSes asking them to give a missed call if they have already taken their second jab or to visit the nearest vaccination centre and get vaccinated. We have found at least 20% of people commonly stating that they have taken the second jab, but registered with a different phone number. Considering this, we can easily say that the state has achieved 50% coverage of the 2nd dose.

D Randeep, Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare

However, experts feel that misinformation, complacency and some level of vaccine hesitancy have been the reasons for people missing their second dose.

Dr Manjunath explains that in most of the cases he has come across, many people are misinformed that Covid-19 is gone, cases have reduced and one dose of vaccination is enough etc. "But we must be alert and two doses of vaccine is important even amongst those who have already been infected with Covid-19," he stressed.

Shripriya, an ASHA worker at a primary health centre, says she keeps track of the vaccination status of about 1,500 households in her locality. "We make at least 100 calls to people every day from a list given to us, and remind them to take the second dose. Most people are coming forward to take the vaccine, but they tend to forget their dates. If they are not reachable on phone, then we visit homes and bring them to the vaccination site," she said.

Meanwhile, doctors also feel that it is time to revise the gap between the first and second doses of Covishield vaccine. The state's Technical Advisory Committee has recommended that the gap for Covishield doses should be reduced from 84 days to four to eight weeks, as was the norm earlier. The state has also written to the Centre seeking reduction in the dosage interval.

"As vaccine supplies have improved, reducing the gap will help in rapidly increasing the coverage of the second dose and prevent the third wave," the TAC members had suggested.

THE JOURNEY OF THE JAB

POPULATION VACCINATED WITH

FIRST DOSE 4,08,10,798 (83%)
SECOND DOSE 2,00,86,119 (41%)

DISTS WHICH HAVE DONE WELL	
Bengaluru Urban	117%
Kodagu	95%
Udupi	92%
Uttara Kannada	89%
Ramanagara	89%

LEAST COVERAGE OF FIRST DOSE	
Kalaburagi	67%
Raichur	72%
Bidar	74%
Yadgir	74%
Chitradurga	75%

GOOD COVERAGE OF 2ND DOSE	
Bengaluru Urban	64%
Ramanagara	51%
Udupi	8%
Kodagu	47%
BBMP	51%

LEAST COVERAGE OF 2ND DOSE	
Raichur	28%
Kalaburagi	30%
Dharwad	34%
Haveri	26%
Davangere	35%

Identify comorbid kids: TAC

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

LIKE with adults, where senior citizens and people with comorbidities were vaccinated first, older paediatric population of 17 years and children with comorbidities should be identified and prioritised for the jabs, they said.

TAC members also stressed the need to identify comorbid children across the state and to microplan the vaccination process. "Paediatricians, head nurses, ASHA workers etc should be roped in at the planning stages. Field experience and microplanning from MR vaccination campaign shall be adopted once guidelines and approvals come," Dr Manjunath added.

TAC members also discussed the issue faced by private hospitals over the high price of ZyCoV-D vaccine.

Bengaluru's hospitals see surge in cases of bronchiolitis

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

WHILE a third wave of Covid-19 is anticipated, doctors in Bengaluru have observed a surge in cases of Bronchiolitis among children, with paediatric ICUs becoming full. Babies aged between two months and two years develop chest infection caused by viruses, breathe fast, experience a kind of viral pneumonia, for which there is no specific medication, but may require ventilator or ICU admission.

Bronchiolitis is a common lung infection in young children and infants, which causes inflammation and congestion in the small airways (bronchioles) of the lung, and is caused by a virus that attacks mostly in the winter season. "This may be happening as kids of this age may not be wearing masks effectively, which not only help prevent Covid-19 but also other diseases. Our ICUs are flooded with children requiring non-invasive ventilation or high-flow nasal cannula. Parents must look out for warning signs that distinguish Bronchiolitis from regular cold and cough," said Dr Supraja Chandrasekar, Paediatric Intensivist at Columbia Asia Referral Hospitals, Yeshwantpur.

For children aged one or less, if breathing is more than 60 times per minute, for children less than age 5, if breathing is more than 40 times per minute, and in children more than age 5, if it is more than 30 times per minute, then it is time to get a physical appointment with the doctor. If fever runs over three days, the baby is not drinking fluids or vomits more than twice a day, these are also warning signs.

"There is a significant increase in the number of ICU and ward admission of infants suffering from Bronchiolitis. The cause of this is viral infection, the most common being Respiratory Syncytial Virus and Influenza. It is usually seasonal and increases in winter," said Dr Srikanta J T, Consultant, Paediatric Interventional Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital.

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Congress fumes as Kateel targets Rahul

Two major parties exchange barbs as bypoll heat rises; Grand old party questions JDS' links with BJP

AICC General Secretary Randeep Surjewala greets Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Siddaramaiah, during the campaign in Balaganur village, Vijayapura district, on Tuesday, as senior leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Eshwar Khandre look on | EXPRESS

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai addresses a public gathering, as part of the poll campaign at Almel town in Vijayapura district on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Cong's 'bhagyas' didn't get them votes, mocks CM

MAHESH M GOUDAR
@ Bagalkot

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai kick-started his campaign for the party's candidate from Sindagi, Ramesh Bhusanur, by taking part in a huge rally at Almel town on Tuesday.

Addressing a massive gathering, the CM said, "Karnataka suffered because of poor administration by the alliance government. Siddaramaiah was day-dreaming about returning to power in the 2018 Assembly polls. He thought it would be an easy win for the Congress as they believed that the 'baghyas' (programmes) they gave to people would fetch them votes. But the fact is that people dethroned them and made them sit in the opposition."

"The Congress is always in hunger for power. When people didn't give them a mandate, they rushed to the doorsteps of JDS and got into an alliance with an intention to loot the resources of the state. They also demanded portfolios like power, irrigation and major departments to make money. They want to make huge sums while being in power," Bommai alleged.

Terming the Congress as a party of the minorities, BJP state president Naleen Kumar Kateel said, "It favoured Muslims in governance when it was at the helm of affairs in the state. Siddaramaiah claims that he has given many programmes in his regime, but a majority of the programmes benefited only one particular community. Now, he is not asking for votes from the backward classes, but seeking only minority support for the party. But the BJP government, led by CM Bommai, is seeking the support of all communities for the overall development of the state. The Congress will be divided in two — one of Siddaramaiah and another of D K Shivakumar — before the 2023 Assembly elections."

"We should also not forget that it is the same party which tried to divide the Veerasahiva-Lingayat community, break the harmony of Hindus and Muslims by commemorating the birth anniversary of Tipu Sultan, and also the reason behind the killings of 24 Hindu activists. Whom will Siddaramaiah vote for? The protectors of this nation or other evil forces?" Kateel questioned.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru, Vijayapura

JUST a day after the Congress stoked a controversy with a tweet on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the political discourse in the state hit another low with BJP state president and MP Nalin Kumar Kateel calling Congress leader Rahul Gandhi a drug addict and peddler. He quickly went on to add, "It's not me, but media reports which are saying this." He also questioned, "How can a man who cannot lead a party lead a country?"

While sources in the BJP claimed that Kateel's statement was in response to a Congress tweet referring to the PM as 'anghoota chhaap' (illiterate) on Monday, state Congress president D K Shivakumar insisted that Kateel should apologise.

Taking strong exception, AICC General Secretary Randeep Surjewala termed the BJP as a party that is "drunk with power and drugged with arrogance". Speaking to reporters during campaigning for party candidate Ashok Managuli in Balaganur village of Sindagi taluk on Tuesday, Surjewala said, "Perhaps Kateel might have consumed some drug seized from the Adani-owned port in Gujarat, which is why he is making such foolish and irresponsible statements."

Sharpening in his attack on the BJP leader, Surjewala, who is the party in-charge of Karnataka, added, "Kateel has lost his mental balance and should be immediately admitted to a drug rehabilitation centre. These kinds of statements will only be made by someone who is intoxicated."

Lashing out at Kateel, Congress legislature party leader Siddaramaiah said, "I demand BJP national president J P Nadda to admit Kateel to NIHMANS for making such irresponsible statements being the state president of the national political party. Kateel has lost his mental balance." A host of other Congress leaders, including KPCC Working President Eshwar Khandre, said Kateel must be removed as BJP state president. Meanwhile, the Congress hurriedly got the two tweets attacking the PM removed.

Earlier in the day, addressing a public gathering, Surjewala described JDS as a B-team of the BJP. "The JDS has fielded candidates in the bypolls, not to win, but to defeat the Congress and help the BJP. Since JDS is there to help the BJP, the tickets of the party's candidates are finalised at the BJP headquarters in Delhi," he remarked.

Responding to JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda's recent statement urging national parties like the Congress to take regional parties into confidence to fight the ruling BJP, Surjewala said, "Most regional parties are with the Congress. However, JDS is working only for the benefit of the BJP. The JDS must clear its stand, whether it is with the saffron party or with the nation." He also criticised the BJP for the soaring prices of essentials across the country.

Opposition leader in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, stated, "If Congress had not done anything for development of the country, neither Modi nor Shah would have been able to enjoy their Constitutional powers. Our leaders sacrificed their lives for the nation. But people support the BJP, who are looting the common people."

KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY BYPOLLS DECIDE

POLITICAL THEATRE

Was never sidelined, will stand with party, says BSY

SHIVAMOGGA : Former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa once again clarified that no one had sidelined him in the BJP, and there was no pressure on him to step down. "No one has sidelined me in the party of PM Modi. I am once again clarifying that nobody pressurised me to step down. I resigned from the CM's position voluntarily. Don't create confusion on this matter. Let us work collectively and organise the party," he said. Talking to reporters here on Tuesday, Yediyurappa mentioned that Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister had been doing a wonderful job, which was appreciated globally. "We stand with him," he said. Responding to a query about campaigning for the upcoming bypolls, Yediyurappa informed that he would be campaigning in Sindagi on October 20 and 21 and will campaign in Hanagal on October 22 and 23. "If necessary, I will campaign for two more days in Hanagal," he said. Stating that all MLAs and MPs will be taking the campaign route, Yediyurappa expressed confidence in BJP's victory. **ENS**

Surjewala accuses Bommai govt of corruption

KALABURAGI: AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala has accused the Basavaraj Bommai government in the state as being corrupt, and ignoring the welfare of people. Speaking with reporters at the Kalaburagi Airport before proceeding to Sindagi for the election campaign, Surjewala, who is also the Karnataka in-charge for Congress, said that there is infighting between two cabinet ministers to claim the district in-charge portfolio for Bengaluru, just to loot public money. Prices of essential commodities are increasing on a regular basis, he said, adding that the Centre has issued orders allowing import of tur from other countries without levying taxes. "It will certainly affect tur growers in the country," he mentioned. **ENS**

Why didn't Cong field minority candidates, asks HDK

KALABURAGI: Reacting to the Congress' allegations against the JDS, former CM and senior JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy hit back, saying that instead of pointing fingers at the JDS for fielding candidates from the minority community in the bypolls to the Sindagi and Hanagal constituencies, the grand old party should explain to the state's people why it had itself not fielded any candidates from among the minorities in any of the recent bypolls. Speaking to reporters here on Tuesday, Kumaraswamy said that the JDS candidate for the Sindagi constituency is a loyal Janata Dal activist, and the fight here is between their party and the BJP. "Let the Congress study the records of the last 3-4 elections when there was a contest between the JDS and the BJP, with the Congress coming third," he said. The former CM further said that both Congress and BJP were "percentage parties", with JDS being the only party working for the people. **ENS**

GOVT FULFILLING PROMISES FOR KK REGION: BOMMAI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

THE Article 371 J implementation cell that was working with DPAR in Bengaluru will be shifting shortly to Kalaburagi, for which the government has already passed orders, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai informed here on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters here, Bommai said that he has fulfilled two of his main promises made on the occasion of Kalyana Karnataka Day on September 17, that the government would post a permanent secretary to the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board and would shift the Article 371 J implementation cell to Kalaburagi. Bommai promised that he will implement his other promises with regard to the development of the region.

Responding to his conditional announcement during a speech on Kalyana Karnataka Day, that the government will provide additional grant of Rs 1,500 crore, along with a regular grant of Rs 1,500 crore, if the KKRDB spends its full allocation of Rs 1,500 crore sanctioned for 2021-22, the CM clarified that he has stated so to motivate officials to spend the full grant within March 31, next year.

Meanwhile, Bommai said he has instructed KKRDB officials to prepare the action plan for spending the additional grant of Rs 1,500 crore, along with the regular grant of Rs 1,500 crore for the next year, and complete projects.

Plan to revive MySugar may help BJP in Mandya

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

Farmers, led by the Raitha Sangha activists Sunanda Jayaram and others, who called off their strike following Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's decision to revive MySugar, take out a victory procession in Mandya on Tuesday | EXPRESS

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai has tactfully put the politics over the revival of MySugar on the backburner when he announced on Monday that there are no plans to privatise the now defunct state-owned The Mysore Sugar Company Ltd in Mandya.

Bommai held a meeting with the stakeholders from the region, who appreciated his move, regardless of their political affiliations. Even activists of the Raitha Sangha, who were demanding that the century-old factory be revived, have called off their stir of over 36 days, after Bommai asserted that "crushing of sugarcane is certain from the next season."

"The Chief Minister upheld the dignity of Mandya by declaring that the factory will be revived by the government," remarked Raitha Hitharakshana Samithi secretary Sunanda Jayaram, who was part of the dharna.

The CM timed the meeting well, with the stakeholders, including the Raitha Sangha leaders and people's representatives, including Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh, MLAs C S Puttaraju and Raveendra Srikantaiah, among others, when the pressure from various quarters was mounting over the issue. Albeit for the time being, Bommai has doused the fire by promising to set up a cabinet sub-committee to study the revival plan, with a three-month deadline to submit a report.

Interestingly, when B S Yediyurappa was Chief Minister, his predecessor H D Kumaraswamy had led a delegation of MLAs from Mandya in early July with an appeal for the factory's revival.

In fact, when Kumaraswamy was the CM, he reportedly had a plan to revive the unit with some grants, but could not as the JDS-Congress alliance had collapsed by then.

When Sumalatha was reportedly in favour of privatising the unit during Yediyurappa's regime, Kumaraswamy had attacked her alleging that she was against the interests of farmers.

But she had clarified that she wanted the factory to be revived, either by the government or by private entities, which would aid farmers.

Recently, Opposition leader in the Assembly, Siddaramaiah, had raked up the issue and promised farmers that the Congress will revive the factory if it returns to power in 2023. But Bommai's decision to revive the factory, although a daunting task, has put a lid on the issue, at least for the time being.

"When all his predecessors could not talk about the revival of the factory by the government, Bommai calling a meeting of stakeholders and promising its revival by reviewing the previous cabinet's decision to lease it out to private parties is a breakthrough" remarked a local leader.

If the factory is revived, it will have bearing on the politics of the region, especially for the BJP, which is trying to expand its base in the Old Mysuru region, where the JDS is also competing to retain its base.

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LANGUAGE PUSH

KDA PROPOSES NEW LAW TO IMPLEMENT KANNADA

Now, there is a law to implement Kannada, but it is limited to each department. We need to bring it under one umbrella

TS Nagabharana, Chairman, Kannada Development Authority

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
@ Bengaluru

AHEAD of Kannada Rajyotsava, a new comprehensive Kannada Language Act has been proposed by the Kannada Development Authority (KDA) to implement Kannada effectively in administration across the state.

The act proposes an executive body that will act as the implementation authority and also coordinating body among various departments of the government.

KDA Chairman TS Nagabharana told *The New Indian Express* that now, many departments are involved in the implementation of Kannada.

"For example, Kannada name boards come under the labour department and local civic agencies. This needs to be streamlined. It is easier if one agency has the overall authority. Now, there is a law to implement Kannada, but it is limited to each department. We need to bring it under one umbrella," Nagabharana said.

"We have already finished one round of meeting. We are seeking the opinions of various departments on the present rules. Once we get all the inputs, KDA, along with the law department, will prepare a draft. We hope to get a clear picture by November-end," he said.

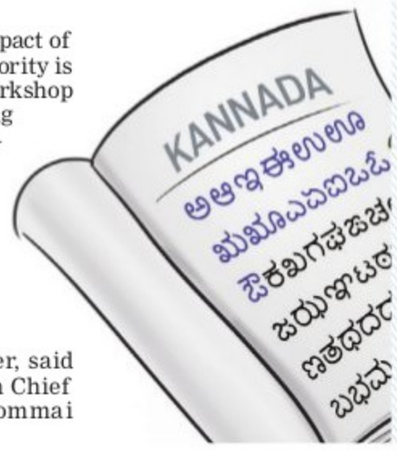
Kannada Kayaka Varsha

KDA observed 'Kannada Kayaka Varsha' from November 2020 to October 2021 to promote the use of Kannada in government and public spaces.

It also held Kannada classes at many places with the help of volunteers. To assess the impact of the programme, the authority is organising a one-day workshop at every district starting from November 10 to December 10.

This year will be observed as Kannada Anushtana Varsha from November 2021 to October 2022 to implement Kannada as per rules.

Nagabharana, however, said it will be discussed with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai first.



Govt to decide on state anthem

Despite putting in effort for years, the State government has not been able to come to a conclusion on the duration and style of singing of the State anthem, "Jaya Bharatha Jananiya Thanujathe", written by Rashtrakavi Kuvempu. It is now sung for four to five minutes, depending on the rendition. Last month, Kannada and Culture Minister V Sunil Kumar said that the government has constituted a committee comprising musician Leelavathi, poet Doddarangegowda, and government officials to finalise the singing style and duration of the anthem before October 2, 2021. Sources said the panel is divided between the renditions of C Ashwath and Mysuru Ananthaswamy.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the state have appealed to the State and Central Governments to cut taxes on fuels. Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) stated that the MSMEs are worst hit by the spiralling rise

Lokayukta law officer booked for sexual abuse

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mangaluru

LOKAYUKTA Special Public Prosecutor **KSN Rajesh** from Mangaluru has been booked by the city police for sexual harassment after his intern, studying at a law college in the city, filed a complaint against him.

The student, who hails from another state, filed the complaint at the women's police station at Pandeshwar. She stated that she joined Rajesh's firm at Karangalpady as an intern in August. "He started sending me selfies and followed my movements on CCTV cameras. He also asked me to send my selfies. In September, he called me to his chamber, behaved indecently and sexually assaulted me. He also threatened to kill me if I revealed it to anyone. He along with his rowdies have been following me and I have a threat to my life. I am poor and I could be murdered. He has destroyed all the CCTV evidence," she stated in the complaint to the city police chief.

Mangaluru Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar on Tuesday told the media that two separate complaints have been registered and ACP Ranjith Bandaru has been appointed as the investigating officer. "Apart from the sexual harassment complaint by the victim, her friend has filed another complaint. She has stated that the accused promised to help her with counselling and legal aid. But he allegedly took her and her sisters to a ground and threatened her. Three days ago, the accused and his associates had filed a complaint with the Urwa police against the victim and her friend, accusing them of editing an audio of their phone call and extortion. However, he did not pursue the case," the commissioner said.

The accused has been booked under various sections including 376(rape), 376(2)(f), 376(2((k), 354(a), 506(criminal intimidation), 384(extortion), 388, 389 of the IPC.

CLEARING OBSTRUCTIONS

BBMP workers clean a drain as cops keep an eye at Mylasandra on Mysuru Road on Tuesday. The drain gets flooded often due to rain | VINOD KUMAR T

BMTC staffer survives suicide bid on rail tracks

ENS @ Bengaluru

A woman BMTC employee, who attempted suicide by lying down on the railway tracks at Yelahanka, survived with minor injuries despite a passenger train passing over her. The 31-year-old employee, mother of a four-year-old child, lay down at the centre of the tracks which helped her survive.

The incident occurred on Tuesday afternoon when the Tuticorin-Okha Express was running from Yelahanka towards Rajankunte station. She had minor external injuries and some blood on her shoulder.

The woman was mentally disturbed as her husband left her a year ago and she had problems at the workplace, sources said. She had completed her shift and had fought with her colleague too, they added.

"As the train passed over her, the loco pilot instantly stopped the train," an officer said.

Railway Protection Force Constable Ashish Kumar. who was on bandobast duty, rushed to her rescue. "He was unable to pull her out and took the help of some local residents," sources said.

He also called the ambulance and was later assisted a constable and another RPF constable.

Railway official responsible for train-truck crash

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

AN inquiry report by the Bengaluru Railway Division into collision between the Mysuru-Mayiladathurai Superfast Express and a truck, has established that a Senior Section Engineer (SSE) of the Track Maintenance department is partially responsible for it. The truck driver has been booked as the main accused.

A three-member team which conducted the inquiry, submitted its report recently. Divisional Railway Manager Shyam Singh told TNIE, "Action will be taken against anyone found guilty."

According to a senior railway official, the level-crossing (LC) gate, that had been closed eight years ago (May 1, 2013), was only around 15 metre from the accident spot.

"The truck driver, Ranganath Swamy, who entered from the main road, crossed a weak barricade before entering the tracks. He claimed that he tried his best to steer the truck off the tracks, but could not. He finally left the vehicle there and fled. He works for a warehouse in Channasandra and was not aware of local routes," the official said.

The official further added that one side of the LC gate was fully barricaded. "There was a 3-feet trench dug near the barricade to deter vehicles. However, over the years, the trench had been filled up to some extent, and the barricade had been bent and distorted by locals. The key-men, who walk the tracks daily, should have taken note of this issue. Hence, the responsibility falls on the SSE of the department."

The 26-year-old driver has already been booked by the Government Railway Police. The report also lauded the Loco Pilot Murali, for instant application of emergency brakes. The mishap happened with 1,380 passengers on board the train.

EXPRESS READ

Boy drowns trying to retreive football

Bengaluru : A 14-year-old boy drowned, while another was rescued, after they slipped and fell in an inundated basement of an under-construction site in HBR Layout, KG Halli on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased has been identified as Chandru, son of Muttu Mani, from Tamil Nadu. Chandru's mother had passed away during the first Covid wave. KG Halli police have registered a case of negligence against site owner Firoz Ahmed and investogations are underway. ENS

ASI, son booked for assaulting kin

Bengaluru: An ASI attached to the KG Halli police station and his son have been booked for allegedly attacking two of their relatives over old rivalry. The injured are identified as Balachandra Siddi (20) and his brother Lokesh Siddi (26), who hail from Yellapura. The incident took place on October 15. The brothers had come to Bengaluru for a job interview when they were assaulted. ENS

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE NO. V/W/TVC/11/2021 Dt:12.10.2021

Reference to the above E-Tender notice in The Hindu and New Indian Express on 16.10.2021, the first line may please be read as **"Divisional Railway Manager/ Works Branch/Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14"** instead of Divisional Railway Manager/Works Branch/ Tiruchchirappalli Division, Trivandrum-14 as published.

Sr. DIVISIONAL ENGINEER
CO-ORDINATION, TRIVANDRUM-14

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the general public that my client intends to purchase the immovable property being a Residential Apartment bearing **No. 601-A** having **1061.22 Sq. Feet** of built up area and proportionate share or 168.97 sq.ft in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and **297.87 sq.ft.** undivided share, right, title in the land and a Residential Apartment bearing **No. 601-B** having a built up area of **618.28 sq.ft.** and proportionate share of **98.45 sq.ft** in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and **173.54 sq.ft.** undivided share, right, title in the land, both situated on the 6th Floor of the Ivory Block of HM World City, Phase-I, constructed on residentially converted land in a portion of Sy.No.170 of Kothnur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, from MR. SRIRAM KRISHNAMOORTHY, S/o Mr. Krishnamoorthy Swaminathan, and MRS. SRTVIDYA NAGARAJAN, W/o. Mr. Sriram Krishnamoorthy permanent residents of No.42, 27th Street, Thillai Ganaga Nagar, Chennai-600061 and presently residing at Presently residing at 9, Boulters Court, Maidenhead SL 6 8TH, United Kingdom, who have represented that they are the absolute, joint and exclusive owners of the same and that they have further represented to my client that the original documents pertaining to the said property have been lost and that a online complaint dated: 27-09-2021 has been lodged in that regard vide Ref. No. CTS211413111 and that they have also taken out a Lost Notice in that regard in the Economic Times, English Daily Newspaper, Chennai Edition dated: 02-10-2021.

Any person/s, financial institutions, banks having or claiming any manner of right, title, interest, charge or lien into or upon the aforesaid property may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence thereof to the undersigned within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which all rights and claims if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and my client will proceed with conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the said property.

Sd/- **S.K. NAGARAJ,** Advocate,
No.22, I Floor, Yamunabai Road,
Madhavanagar, Bengaluru-560 001,
Ph: 9845012528
Date: 19-10-2021. Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that our client **Shri V. Thiagarajan, S/o. Shri Venkataraman & Smt. Revathi Thiagarajan W/o Shri Thiagarajan,** agreed to purchase "Schedule Property" from **Shri. Clement Carey S/o Lt. William Carey and Miss. Anya Biswas Carey D/o Shri. Clement Carey** (being minor rep. by her father & natural guardian **Shri. Clement Carey**).

Any person/s, Society/s, Association/s, Government Authority/s, Financial Institution/s, Bank/s, Judicial Authorities asserting any right, title interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the Documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of our client should write or contact us within 07days from the date of issuance of this public notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period, our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Three Bedroom Residential Apartment bearing No.B-114 in the First Floor of the Apartment Building Known as 'SOBHA CORAL' constructed on converted land bearing number 2, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Old Khatha Number 108/2, now assigned BBMP Khatha number 967/108/2-B-114 within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, having an undivided 1.21% share equivalent to 1069.41 Sq. Feet and having a super built-up area of 1513.31 Sq. Feet (which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas) with one Car parking space bearing number B-114 in the basement.

Sd/
M/s A.k.vasanth & D.V.Girish Associates, Advocates,
No.201 & 202, Second Floor, Jayam Shopping Centre, B/W 7th and 8th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560 003.
Date: 18.10.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

By way of this notice, is hereby notifying the General Public/nationalized-private banks/NBFC/Co-operative banks/money lenders/public –private institutions/ any legal person/s all that, our client **Mrs. Sangeetha R Chawla W/o Mr. Radhakrishna Chawla,** RMV Ext, Bangalore is willing to purchase the following schedule property from **Smt. Jayanthi. S.K** W/o Mr. ATS Sanath Kumar, aged 60 years, R/at NACS Layout, Bangalore-79, through sale deed, in this regard all the legal formalities are at conclusion stage.

If any person/s third party/s have any type objections/claims/liabilities, attachments, agreements or any manner of right, title or interest over the Schedule Property may lodge their objections/claims, with all supporting documents/evidence to the under singed Advocate within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this publication. Failing which our client shall be proceed with the sale transaction to purchase the Schedule Property from the Vendor and any right that may arises latter will not be entertained, as treating that there are no objections/claims and it shall not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No.453** in the layout approved by BDA, situated at Dr. Shivaramakarantha Nagar, Sriramapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist, BBMP Katha No.7/453, SAS base No.2036828, Layout formed by The Ministry of Communications Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., site measuring East to West 50 feet & North to South 80 feet totally 4,000 square feets & bounded on: **East by :** Site No.452, **West by :** Site No.454, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No.473.

Sd/- **Sri. Chandra Shekar Reddy & B.S. Raghavendra,** Advocates
Office: No.17, Sankey Road,
KP West, Bengaluru-20.
Mobile: 9886426655 & 9901115577
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client/s have entered into a Sale Agreement dated 23-09-2021 with the owners of the schedule property (1) Sri.Jaganathan R, Son of Sri.Rajendran, Aged about 40 years, Residing at No:72, Third Cross, Sunny Layout, Maragondanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Krishnarajapura Post, Bangalore – 560 036 and (2) Sri.D Satish Kumar, Son of Sri.Dharuman, Aged about 29 years, Residing at No:76, Sunny Layout, Maragondanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Krishnarajapura Post, Bangalore – 560 036;

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 7 (seven) days hereof, failing which my client/s will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client/s;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire residential property bearing Property No:Sy.No:14/1 Site No:63, Sl.No:3789 [Site bearing No:63, in the layout formed in converted land measuring 1 Acre (from and out of 4 Acres 22 Guntas) in Sy.No:14/1, BBMP Katha No:6, situated at Varanasi / Jinkethimmanahalli Village, Bidharahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, converted for non agricultural residential purposes in pursuance of the Official Memorandum dated 07-07-2011 vide No:ALN(EBB)SR 30/2011-12 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore], presently situated at Varanasi / Jinkethimmanahalli, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:54, within the limits and administration of Hoodi Ward, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, together with residential structures comprising of 1,000 Sq.Ft Ground Floor and 1,000 Sq.Ft First Floor, RCC Structure, Granite Flooring and bounded on the :

East by : Property bearing Site No:34;
West by : 30 Feet Road;
North by : Property bearing Site No:64;
South by : Property bearing Site No:62;
MEASURING : East to West : 40 feet;
North to South : 30 feet;
In all ad-measuring 1,200 Sq.Ft.;

Akki Manjunath Gowda K, Advocate
LegalKraft Partners
No:5/1/2, Fourth Shop Lane, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004
Mobile : 98800 03551 Dt:19-10-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my Clients **Mr. MANJUNATH.G.R** & **Mrs. SMITHA MANJUNATH,** both residing at No.511, RHCS Layout, 2nd Stage, 'A' Block, Nagarabhavi 60 Feet Road, Bengaluru-560091 are intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Sri.Y.G. MADHUSUDHAN,** aged 75 years, S/o Late Yadalam Gopalakrishna Setty, residing at No.46, 39th Cross, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560082, he had acquired the Schedule Property by way of Absolute Sale Deed executed by Bangalore Development Authority, registered vide document No. BDA-1-05306-2015-16 of Book-I, stored in CD No.BDAD217, dated:18-02-2016 registered in the Office of the Additional Sub-Registrar, Bangalore Urban District. The owner has represented that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances and that apart from his there is no other person/s, firm or company who has got any right, title or interest over the Schedule Property and further represented that he has not entered into any agreement of sale, mortgage, Gift, hypothecation or created any third party rights or interest over the Schedule Property.

Notice is hereby given for the information of the general public that if any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim against/over the Schedule Property may lodge their claim with the undersigned along with documentary proof in support of such claim within **Ten (10) days** from the date of this notice. If no claim is received by the undersigned within said period, it shall be presumed that no one has no any right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule Property, If any claim/s are received thereafter will not be considered and not binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing vacant **Site No.1022,** formed in Sir Vishveshwaraiah Layout 3rd Block, measuring East to West: 24.00 Mtrs, North to South: 15.00 Mtrs totally 360.00 Square Mtrs and bounded on :-

East by : Road,
West by : Site No.1044 & 1045,
North by : Site No.1021
South by : Site No.1023.

Sd/-
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No. KSOU/AB/Est.-1/620 /2020-21 Dated :18.10.2021

NOTIFICATION

Applications in 08 (EIGHT) sets in the prescribed form from the eligible Indian citizens are invited for the following **Teaching Posts** in different Departments of Studies offering various Programmes (comprising Post-Graduate/Under-Graduate/ Diploma Courses) at Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru. The eligible Indian Nationals who are residing abroad may also apply. Application and other details can be downloaded from the **website www.ksoumysuru.ac.in.** Those who desire to obtain application forms from the University, may approach **Office of the Registrar, Karnataka State Open University, Mukthagangothri, Mysuru - 570 006.** The application fee for the post of Professor is Rs.1,500/- (In case of SC/ST and Cat-I Rs. 750/-) and Associate Professor is Rs.1,200/- (In case of SC/ST and Cat-I Rs. 600/-). Duly filled-in application forms should reach the **Registrar, Karnataka State Open University, Mukthagangothri, Mysuru – 570 006,** (Karnataka State), **on or before 11-11-2021.**

Details of Teaching Posts

Sl. No.	Department of Studies	Professor	Associate Professor
		No. of Posts	No. of Posts
01	Kannada	01	02
02	Hindi	-	01
03	English	01	02
04	Commerce	01	02
05	Management	01	02
06	History	01	02
07	Sociology	01	01
08	Political Science	01	01
09	Economics	-	02
10	Education	-	01
11	Library & Information Science	-	01
12	Physics	-	01
13	Chemistry	-	01
14	Mathematics	-	01
15	Microbiology	-	01
16	Geography	-	01
17	Psychology	-	01
18	Computer Science	-	01
19	Biotechnology	-	01

PROFESSORS - 07 Posts.

Reservation as per the Government Order No. DPAR 11 SBC 94. Dated: 24-02-1994 and as per Government Orders issued from time to time.

HK - 01 (Others)
NHK - 06
SC - 01 (Others)
GM - 03 (Women-1, Rural-1, Other-1)
ST - 01 (Others)
Cat-I - 01 (Others)

ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS - 25 Posts.

Reservation as per the Government Order No. DPAR 11 SBC 94, Dated: 24-02-1994 and as per Government Orders issued from time to time.

Reservation for 03 posts of Hyderabad-Karnataka are as follows:

SC - 01 (Other-1)
GM - 01 (Other-1)
ST - 01 (Other-1)
Total - 03

Reservation for 22 posts of Non Hyderabad-Karnataka are as follows:

GM - 10 (Women-4, Rural-3, Physically Handicapped-1, Ex-Servicemen-1, Others-1)
SC - 04 (Women-2, Rural-1, Physically Handicapped-1)
II-A - 04 (Women-1, Rural-1, Physically Handicapped-1, Others-1)
II-B - 01 (Others)
III-A - 01 (Others)
III-B - 01 (Others)
Category-I - 01 **(Backlog)**
Total - 22

- For more information, please visit KSOU **website www.ksoumysuru.ac.in**
- Qualification: As per UGC Regulation 2018 **(www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_regulation.aspx).**
- **Instruction:** Separate applications should be submitted for more than one post.

Sd/-, Registrar

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
ADDENDUM TO AUCTION PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER'2I
NOTICE NO.11/2021

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc Scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

Sl. No	e-auction conducted by	Date of auction for the Month of October 2021	Materials for auction
1.	Sr.DMM/TVC	30.10.21	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in **www.ireps.gov.in** website.
2.	Sr.DMM/PGT	30.10.21	
3.	Sr.DMM/SA	30.10.21	

All other Auctions scheduled for October 21 remains unaltered

For detailed terms and conditions and downloading of catalogue please visit our web-site http://www.ireps.gov.in --> E-Auction --> Sale --> Live Auctions.

Principal Chief Materials Manager

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INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT CATERING TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED NUTRITION
(Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India)
(Affiliated to National council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Noida)
C.I.T. Campus, Tharamani P.O. , Chennai - 600 113.
Ph.: 044-22542029, Fax: 044-22541615
www. ihmchennai.org E-mail: ihmtaramani@gmail.com

Announces Filling of Residual seats for SC/ST (Vacancy position SC -14 / ST-26)

The Institute of Hotel Management, Chennai under the affiliation of National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Noida, calls for application, from the eligible candidates to get admission in to **1st year of 3-Years B.Sc.(HHA) program (NCHMCT & IGNOU collaborative regular Classroom program)** under the permissible direct recruitment quota of the Institute with the following eligibility criteria against the residual vacancies in the Institute :

(1) Candidate must have passed 12th Exam with minimum of 40% marks in aggregate, in 10+2 system from a recognized board, either of any stream (Science/Arts/Commerce/ Vocational).

(2) English should be one of the compulsory subject in 12th level and have passed the subject.

(3) Age should not be more than 28 years as on 1st July 2021.

Process for Registration: Eligible candidates may download the application form from **www.ihmchennai.org** and forward scanned copy of the filled application form along with scanned copies of 10+2 (or equivalent) mark sheet email to ihmtaramani@gmail.com for registration of candidates from 21.10.2021 to 28.10.2021.

A merit list will be drawn by the Institute on the basis of marks obtained by the candidate in 12th examination and the admission will be offered strictly on the basis of merit only.

PRINCIPAL IN-CHARGE

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

General

SBI
State Bank of India
Central Recruitment & Promotion Department
Corporate Centre, Mumbai
Phone: 022-22820427; email: crpd@sbi.co.in

RECRUITMENT OF PROBATIONARY OFFICERS

Applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens for appointment as Probationary Officers in State Bank of India

NUMBER OF VACANCIES: 2056 (including Backlog Vacancy)

Eligibility criteria (age, qualification, etc.), requisite fees and other details, along with the link for online submission of applications and online payment of fee, are available on Bank's website **https://bank.sbi/careers** OR **https://www.sbi.co.in/careers** under Advertisement no. **CRPD/PO/2021-22/18**. Candidates are advised to go through the detailed advertisement and ensure their eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fees.

- **DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: 05.10.2021 TO 25.10.2021**

For any query, please write to us through link **"CONTACT US"** → **"Post Your Query"** which is available on Bank's website (URL- https://bank.sbi/web/careers/post-your-query OR https://sbi.co.in/web/ careers/post-your-query)

Place: Mumbai
Date: 05.10.2021 **General Manager**

इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ बैंकिंग पर्सोनेल सिलेक्शन
INSTITUTE OF BANKING PERSONNEL SELECTION
IBPS

Authorised Website: www.ibps.in In case of queries / complaints please log in to https://cgrs.ibps.in/

COMMON RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF PROBATIONARY OFFICERS/ MANAGEMENT TRAINEES IN PARTICIPATING BANKS (CRP PO/MT-XI for vacancies of 2022-23)

The online examination (Preliminary and Main) for the next Common Recruitment Process for selection of personnel for Probationary Officer/ Management Trainee posts in the Participating Banks is tentatively scheduled in December 2021 / January 2022.

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Activity	Tentative Dates
On-line registration including Edit/ Modification of Application by candidates	20.10.2021 to 10.11.2021
Payment of Application Fees/ Intimation Charges (Online)	20.10.2021 to 10.11.2021
Download of call letters for Pre-Exam Training*	November, 2021
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training*	November / December 2021
Download of call letters for Online examination - Preliminary	November / December 2021
Online Examination - Preliminary	**04.12.2021 and 11.12.2021 Tentative**
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	December 2021 / January 2022
Download of Call letter for Online exam - Main	December 2021 / January 2022
Online Examination - Main	**January 2022**
Declaration of Result – Main	January / February 2022
Download of call letters for interview	February 2022
Conduct of interview	February / March 2022
Provisional Allotment	April 2022

***In case it is possible and safe to hold PET**

Candidates are advised to regularly keep in touch with the authorised IBPS website www.ibps.in for details and updates.

Before registering online candidates are advised to read the detailed notification and follow the instructions mentioned therein.

Mumbai
Date: 19.10.2021 **Director**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Sri G.Lakshmikath S/o Govindappa and others are negotiating to purchase/entered into Joint Venture of the immovable properties bearing **Survey No.39/1**, measuring **02(Two) Acre and 12.08(Twelve and half) Guntas** and **Survey No.39/3**, measuring **02(Two) Acre 10.08(Ten and half) Guntas**, Situated at **Hosahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,** which is more fully described in the Schedule hereunder, from its present owners **SRI BALACHANDRAMURTHY** S/o H.S.BASAVARAJAPPA and **SRI H.B.NAGERNDRA** S/o H.S.BASAVARAJAPPA r/at No.1, Hosahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

It is claimed that Sri Balachandramurthy and Sri H.B.Nagendra are the absolute owners of the Schedule Properties and the same was acquired by them under a registered gift deed, executed by their father Sri H.S.Basvarajappa vide document bearing No.**NMG-1-00920/2014-15**, conveyance vide document bearing **dated:07.05.2014,** registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala, thereafter it is confirmed in the compromise decree in O.S.No.169/2016, dated: 23.04.2016, filed by their brothers. They have represent that there is no encumbrance of any nature, statutory or otherwise subsists in respect of Schedule Properties.

This is to give notice to the public that any person/s who claims any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to Schedule Properties and/or has any objections of any nature to the proposed transaction or is in possession or claims any right there under should lodge such claim and/or objections, in writing, with the undersigned together with supporting documents within **Ten Days** from the date of publication, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our client would proceed to complete the transaction, subject to clear title and compliance with other statutory formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Survey No.39/1**, measuring **02(Two) Acre and 12.08(Twelve and half) Guntas**, Situated at **Hosahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District** and bounded on:

East by : Road, **West by :** Property belongs to Nagendra, **North by :** Property belongs Narasimharaju, **South by :** Property belongs to Kariyappa and sons.

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Survey No.39/3**, measuring **02(Two) Acre 10.08(Ten and half) Guntas**, Situated at **Hosahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District** and bounded on:

East by : Property belongs to Balachandra murthy, **West by :** Property belongs to THimmappa, Hanumantharayappa and Bhyranna, **North by :** Property belongs Narasimharaju, **South by :** Property belongs to Kariyappa and sons.

From, D. Venkatesh, Advocate
No.441, 2nd Cross, 3rd Block, 3rd Stage,
Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore.
Cell:994520808, mail:venkteshd@gmail.com

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
SHARAVATHY VALLEY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

No.:KPCL/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT11491/Call-2 Date: 12.10.2021

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Tender Document System) (Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

Bids in two covers are invited through e-Procurement Portal (Website URL: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) for the work of **Supplying & installation of Gymnasium equipments to Recreation Club at Jog Colony,** Approximate value of work Rs. 23.66 Lakhs. **EMD:** Nil. **Performance Security:** The Successful bidder shall furnish a security deposit equivalent to 3% (Three percent) of the contract amount. For other details view e-procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. Contract period: **03 (Three) Months [Excluding Monsoon].** Last date for receipt of tenders: **27.10.2021 upto17.20 Hours.** Further details can be had from **Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) Jog, Jog Falls-577 435, Sagar Tq, Shivamogga (D).**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: 908/BGK/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-2/Tr.(W&M)/2020-21/F-53/4258-69 Dt: 18.10.2021

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement mode Only)

KPTCL invites tender on Electronic mode on **Partial Turnkey Basis** for the following works

(1) Tender No: KPTCL//2021-22/SS/WORK_INDENT8507 for Augmentation of 1X10MVA, 110/11kV power transformer by 1X20MVA, 110/11kV power transformer at 110kV Tikota sub-station in **Tikota Taluk Vijayapura District.**

(2) Tender No: KPTCL/2021-22/SS/WORK_INDENT8508 for Augmentation of 1X10MVA, 110/11kV power transformer by 1X20MVA, 110/11kV power transformer at 110kV Mamadapur sub-station in **Babaleshwar Taluk, Vijayapura District.**

The tenders will be received through e-procurement mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL web site **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement–KPTCL"** or to **https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **12:00 Hrs of 22.10.2021.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.),
Tr (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Opp. Sector No.45, Zonal Office Complex, Navanagara, Bagalakote-587103.
Ph: 08354-236032 & 236029

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE, MAYO HALL P. & SC. No.25034/2020 (CCH No.29)

Between: 1) Smt. SUSHEELA W/o. Late Munnivenkatappa, aged about 65 years, Since deceased by her LRs P2 & P3

2) Sri. NAGARAJU. M S/o. Late Munnivenkatappa, aged about 42 years, No.1057, Begur Main Road, Near Anjineya Temple Begur P.O., Bengaluru - 68.

3) Smt. GIRIJA .M, D/o. Late Munnivenkatappa & W/o. Manjunatha Reddy, aged about 44 years, No.44/7, Munmeshwara Nagar HSR Layout 6th Sector Bengaluru - 560 068. ... **PETITIONERS**

AND: NIL ...... **RESPONDENT/S**

WHEREAS, the petitioners above named have made an application for grant of Succession Certificate under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act. 1925 before the XXVIII Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Court, Bangalore, in respect of, the deceased Sri Munivenkatappa @ Munivenkata Reddy, S/o. Nagappa, resident of No.1057, Begur Main Road, Near Anjineya Temple, Begur P.O., Bengaluru, who deceased on 11.11.2014, for Succession Certificate in respect of the Bank Account held by the deceased with Canara Bank, Begur Branch, Bangalore 68, bearing Account No.0437101008570-

Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said petition is posted for hearing on 20th of November 2021, and all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the deceased, Munivenkatappa @ Munivenkata Reddy, S/o. Nagappa, may come and contest in the above proceedings before the grant of Succession Certificate.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, on 8-10-2021.

By Order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioners:
AYUB KHAN KASIM
No.66, L. M. Street, Commercial Street
2nd Cross, Bengaluru -01, M: 98455 60377 /
ayubkhank@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to general public that our client intends to purchase the property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder from the current owner Smt. Sharda Purya Naik. Any person/s having any right or claim against, interest or possession, in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof either under any agreement for sale, option agreement or by way of sale, mortgage, purchase, exchange, charge, lease, lien, inheritance, succession, gift, entitlement, trust, maintenance, leave and license, possession, easement or otherwise howsoever or against the documents of title are hereby required to make known the same in writing to the undersigned together with documentary proof thereof at the address mentioned below within 15 days from the date hereof, failing which our client would proceed on the basis that there are no claims and the claims if any shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being a residential site No. 245 in converted Sy. No. 37/5, Junnasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore bearing conversion order No. DIS.ALN.SR.(S) 362/91-92 dated 13.05.1992, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District measuring North to South 40 feet and East to West 60 feet having BBMP PID No. 391/360/245 and bounded by

East by : Road;
West by : Site No. 292,
North by : Site No. 244;
South by : Site No. 246

B. Vachan, Advocate
No. 662/21-1, 46th Cross, III Block,
Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010
Off: 080 2315 8048 Mob: 098459 57556
Dated this 18th day of Oct 2021.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE VIII ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
G & WC No. 36 of 2021

In the matter of the Minor Child, Master Anirudh V., aged about 17 years

BETWEEN: Mrs. Anuja Harish Wife of Mr. M. G. Harish, aged about 44 years, Residing at #147, Further Extension of BSK 6th stage, 4th T block, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, BDA Layout, Thalaghattapura Sub Post Bengaluru - 560 109 ... **PETITIONER**

AND: NIL ... **RESPONDENT**

NOTICE OF PETITION

Whereas, the above named Petitioner has filed the present case seeking for Appointment of the Petitioner as the Guardian of the Minor namely Master V. Anirudh and also to the estate of the said Minor. The subject Petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble Court on **27-10-2021** at 11:00 AM. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's Advocates, notice of his/her intention, signed by him/her or his/her advocates with his/her name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's Advocates not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition or alternatively, he/she can appear before the Hon'ble Court on the date of hearing. Where he/she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

By order of the Court, Chief Administrative Officer, District & Sessions Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff: **SUMAN K SURESH**
Attorneys at Law
Phoenix Pinnacle, 5th Floor, No. 46,
Bangalore-560 042. Date: 18-10-2021

RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (KARNATAKA) LIMITED

(A Joint Venture of Govt. of Karnataka & Ministry of Railways)
Regd. office: I Floor, Samparka Soudha, Opp. Orion Mall, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru–10
Tel – +91 6364890842 CIN: U60100KA2000PLC028171 Email: jgmelec@kride.in

e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. : K-RIDE/DL/17/2021. **Date:** 19.10.2021

e-tenders are invited from experienced agencies for the following work

Sl.No.	Name of Work
1	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KV, AC, 50 Hz, Single Phase, Traction Over Head Equipment for Doubling of Baiyyappanahalli Cabin A (km 205.5) (Excluding) – Hosur (km 159) (Including) Section (62 Track Kilometer approximately) of Bangalore division including any Modification in Existing Overhead Equipment if required.

Last Date for Submission of the above tender is **19.11.2021.**
For details, visit: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and **www.kride.in**

Sd/-
JGM/Electrical

DIPR/DDU/1900/SPAN/2021-22

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identification Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number 96461-19430)

Tender Inquiry No.: 04/2122/CD **Dated: 19.10.2021**

Dy. Chief Engineer/CIVIL DESIGN, PSPCL, E-2, Shakti Vihar, Patiala, invites E-tender for DNIT FOR PURCHASE OF 43 GRADE ORDINARY PORTLAND CEMENT CONFORMING TO IS:269/2015 (WITH LATEST AMENDMENTS) PACKED IN NEW SYNTHETIC/JUTE BAGS CONTAINING 20 BAGS IN A MT AT PSPCL PILOT WORKSHOPS MOHALI, MUKTSAR & SARNA - QUANTITY = 20000 MT. For detailed NIT & tender specification, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** (Contact No.-0172-2970263, 0172-2970284) from 21.10.2021 from 05:00 PM onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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KMC LEGAL VENTURE

ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS

111, OLD BAKE HOUSE, MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LANE, OPPOSITE MSCB BANK, FORT, MUMBAI-1, TEL: 022: 22023263, Fax: 022: 22834817, Email: kmclegalventure@gmail.com

1. **Mr. Maheshn Parameswarappa,** residing at No: 169 1st Floor, 28th Main , 6th Cross, HSR Layout Sector:1 Bangalore: 560102.
2. **Mrs. Dakshayini R,** residing at No:169, 1st Floor, 28th Main , 6th Cross, Sector:1 Bangalore: 560102.
3. **M/s Shri Giiri Travels Private Limited,** having its office address at a individual residing at No:169 1st Floor, 28th Main , 5th Cross, HSR Layout , Sector:1 Bangalore: 560102
4. **Shri Giri Travels,** having its address at a individual residing at No:169, 1st Floor, 28th Main 6th Cross, HSR Layout , Sector:1 Bangalore: 560102.
5. **M/s Concept City Developers,** having its office at No:4/a, 9th Main Road, Sadhasiv Nagar, Bangalore: 560 080

Re: In the High Court of Judicature at Bombay Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction Commercial Arbitration Petition No: 96 of 2021

Aditya Birla, Housing Finance Limited ..... **Petitioner**

V/s

Maheshn Parameswarappa & Ors ....**Respondents**

We are concerned for the Petitioner in the above matter.

In terms of the High Court order dated 11.03.2021 passed by the Hon'ble High Court, Coram: His Lordship Mr. justice G.S. Patel liberty had been granted to the Petitioners herein to have served Notice of hearing of the above matter by way of publication.

In terms of the said order dated 11.03.2021 we hereby give each of you Notice that the above matter will come up for hearing at any time before the Hon'ble High Court when you may remain present either by yourselves or through an authorized representative entitled to practice in the Hon'ble High Court. We request you therefore to enter your appearance in the matter forthwith.

Kindly therefore treat this as a Notice of hearing of the above matter. You are further requested to note that if each of you fail to enter your appearance in the above matter, then the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

Yours faithfully
KMC Legal Venture
SD/-
Partner
Advocates for the Petitioner

GIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

BENGALURU BRANCH OFFICE : Leo Shopping Complex, 3rd Floor, No. 44 & 45, Residency Road Cross, Bangalore 560025; **Tel No:** 080-62004017 / 18 / 19; **Fax:** (080) 25583549. **Email:** Bangalore@Gichfindia.com
CORPORATE OFFICE / HEAD OFFICE : GICHFL, National Insurance Building, 6th floor, J. T. Road, Next to Astoria Hotel, Churchgate, Mumbai, 400 020 **Tel.:** (022) 43041900
Email: corporate@gichf.com **Website:** www.gichfindia.com

DEMAND NOTICE

(IN PURSUANCE WITH SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT., 2002)

GIC Housing Finance Ltd. (GICHFL) has sanctioned loans to the following borrowers for residential premises by creating equitable mortgage and in favor of GIC HF LTD. The repayment of the loans is irregular and the accounts are finally classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with directions and guidelines of National Housing Bank.

GIC HF LTD. has therefore invoked its rights under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 and called upon the borrowers to repay the total outstanding mentioned against each within 60 days from the date of demand notice in pursuance to Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002. The Borrower have not acknowledge receipt of the notice. The following borrowers are hereby called upon again publicly to pay the total dues the mentioned against them plus the charges &interest accrued till date within **60 days** from today failing which GIC HF LTD. Shall resort to all or any of the legal rights to take possession of the premises dispose it and adjust the proceeds against the over due amount. The borrower are also restrained from alienating or creating third party interest on the ownership of the properties.

Sr. No	Loan File No. / Name Of The Borrower & Co-Borrower/Branch Name	Address of The Mortgaged Property	OUTSTANDING DUES AS ON	Date Of Demand Notice Sent
1	KA0020110001984 / MR. KISHORE KUMAR IPPARLA/ MRS. JYOSTHNA IPPARLA	Siri Janani Apartments, House No: 503, 4Th Floor, Plot No: 465/345/4/92, Hanumagiri Layout, Uttarahalli Hobli, Hanumagiri Hill, Kengeri, Ittamadu 560060	RS. Rs.27,12,621/-/- AS ON 30.09.2021	01.09.2021
2	KA0020610003077 / MR.KRISHNAPPA SHANKAR KUMAR	Gut No: 809/704, House No: 28A, Addiganahalli, Rajana-kunte, Bangalore 560064	Rs.37,47,378/-- AS ON 30.09.2021	01.09.2021
3	AP0020610003258 / MRS.PRANITHA GADDAM	Sy No:11, 31 Part And 30 Part, Bhavani Colony, Premavathipet, Rajendranagar (K.V.Rangareddy), Rajendra Nagar, Andhra Pradesh 500030	Rs. 41,45,284/- AS ON 30.09.2021	01.09.2021
4	KA0020610003952 / R.SHANKARNAIK G/ MRS.SUBBAMMA DAYANAIK	N P Of S No.12, Gf, Yeshwantpura Hobli, Near Nagabhavi Bda Compl, Malagalu, Herohalli, Bangalore 560091	Rs.8,67,668/- AS ON 30.09.2021	01.09.2021
5	KA0020610003827 / MR.M B ASHWIN	Richmond Lake View, House No: 301, Floor No: 2Nd, Plot No: 155, Street Name: Ramakrishnapura Village, Sector Ward No: 29/1, Land Mark: Near Chandapura Circle, Village: Jigani, Location: Anekal, Taluka: Anekal, State: Karnataka 562106	Rs.75,12,704/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
6	KA0020610003889 / MR.R MADHUSUDHAN	Malnad Siri Apartments, House No: 01, Floor No: Sf, Plot No: 01, Ward No 196, Land Mark: Opp To Gurukul School, Alahalli, Doddakallasandra, Uttarahalli, Karnataka 560062	Rs.55,77,478/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
7	KA0020610003370 / MR.SIGATAPU TUSHMABALA	Malnad Siri Apmnts, House No: 05, Floor No: 2Nd, Kh No. 51/1/18/3, Street Uttarahalli Hobli, Ward No. 196, Opposite To Gurukul School, Alahall, Anjanapura, Bangalore South 560062	Rs.56,74,747/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
8	KA0020610003288 / MR.NAGESHWAR RAO BODDU	Neha Sadan Apartments, House No: Flat No.202, Floor No: 2Nd Floo, Plot No: 202, Street Name: Begur Hobli, Land Mark: Near Dakshin Honda, Village: Singasandra Village, Location: Singasandra, Taluka: Bangalore South Taluk, State: Karnataka, Pin Code: 560068	Rs.51,09,933/-AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
9	KA0020610003206 / JAMPA PRADEEP KUMAR	Neha Sadan Apartments, House No: 302, 3Rd Floor, Begur Hobli, Near Dakshin Honda Showroom, Singasandra Bangalore South 560068	Rs.53,00,192/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
10	KA0020610003061 / MR.SAMAVEL MOSAS/ MRS.DEENA VOILEN	Site No:61, Kh No:252, Assmnt No:25/2 & 25/3, Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North, Ward No:12, Bangalore 560090	Rs.52,90,227/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
11	KA0020610003678 /MR. S KUMAR / MRS. M PRAMILA KUMAR	Peace Park Apartments, 208, 2Nd Floor, B R Valley Park Layout, Near To Jain Temple, Balagaranahalli, Attibele 562107	Rs.51,69,072/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
12	KA0020610002921 / MR. A ARUN KUMAR	Anjanadri Apartments, House No: 405, Floor No: 4, Industrial Suburb, Behind Hyundai Show Room, Rajajinagar, Yeswanthpura, Bangalore, 560022	Rs.49,30,018/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
13	KA0020610002712 / MR.M N GANGADHAR	Old Site No:33, Khatha No:243, Assmnt No:442/B, Bbmp Kh No:243/442/B-13, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Begur Village, Bangalore 560068	Rs.48,22,466/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
14	KA0020610004168 / MRS.SONIA ANN THOMAS	Garden Residency, B-102A, Ground Floor, B-Block, Garden Residency Road, Sector Ward No: Na, Land Mark: Shtron Towards Hosur, Village: Kachanayakanahalli, Location: Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Taluka: Anekal, State: Karnataka, Pin Code: 560099	Rs.48,69,349/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
15	KA0020610003626 / MRS.LAKSHMI SELVAN	Peace Park Apts, Flat No.301, Floor No: Iii, Br Valley Park Layout, Attibele Hobli, Very Close To Jain Templ, Balagaranahalli, Attibele, Anekal 562107	Rs.47,16,969/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
16	KA0020610002951 / MRS.ANUSHA PONNAM	Sri Sai Enclave Apartments, Floor No: V, Sai City Layout, Near Samuel Public School, Halehalli, Krishnarajapuram, Bidarahalli 560036	Rs.43,06,691/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
17	AP0020610003259 / MR. PRAKASH REDDY GADDAM	Plot No 30/Part B/29, Bhavani Colony, Land Mark: Indra Reddy Memorial, Premavathipet, Rajendranagar (K.V.Rangareddy), Rajendra Nagar, Andhra Pradesh 500030	Rs.42,13,201/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
18	KA0020610004131 / MRS. RANI BABY / MR. B SAMSON	Kh No.68/59/59/3, Thindlu, Land Mark:Thindly Bus Stop, Thindlu Village, Yelahanka, Bangalore North 560064	Rs.40,51,913/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
19	KA0020610003903 / MR. S K DHANANJAYA	Site No:213, Kh No:7473, Assmnt No:109, Karihobanahalli, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore 560058	Rs.41,97,627/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
20	KA0020610002882 / MR.ONESEEM SUNDARAM	Site No:122, Sy No:42, Hunasamaranahalli, Jala Hobli, Bangalore 562157	Rs.39,26,070/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
21	KA0020610002141 / MR. IRAPPA PATTAR LAXMIKANT/ MRS. DEEPA LAXMIKANT PATTAR	Kh No. 150/50, Vaderahalli Grampanchayat, Yelahanka Hobli, Near Sambhram College Bo, Medi Agrahara, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore North 560097	Rs.38,25,895/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
22	KA0020610003038 / MR.KUMAREHSAN GOVINDASWAMY	House No:39&40, Khatha No:31/2, Ramachandrapura Main Road, Doddabommasandra, Bangalore 560013	Rs.35,62,431/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
23	KA0020610002166 / MR.KOWSAR MOHAMED	Site No:61/2, Bbmp 'B', Kh No:2250, Vijinapura, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore	Rs.37,54,979/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
24	KA0020610003926 / MS. D SHRUTHI/ MRS. R VASUNDARA/ MS. ASHWINI D	Maruthi Nilaya, Site No.24, Hosakerehalli Road, Near Murali Hotel, Byalarayanapura, Bapujinagar, Bangalore 560026	Rs.36,73,094/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
25	AP0020610003690 / MR.MADHUKAR REDDY/ KOTTI MR.PRADEEP YADAV/ GADDAM(GPA HOLDER)	No.31 Western Part, Bhavani Colony, Opp Road Indra Reddy Mem, Premavathipet, Rajendranagar (K.V.Rangareddy), Rajendranagar, Andhra Pradesh, 500030	Rs.31,53,194/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
26	KA0020610002255 / MR.SIJO BABU/ MR.BABU JOSE	N N Homes Apts, Block-V, S-2, Floor No: 2Nd, Gulladahalli, Chikabanawara Post, Land Mark: Near Gangadharaiah Kalya, Kereguddadahalli, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore 560090	Rs.32,24,281/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
27	KA0020110003653 / MR. NADUVANAHALLILAKSHMANA SHASHI KUMAR	Site No:12, Sy No:31/1 & 1/3, Cmc Kh No:51, Bbmp Kh No:51/31/1/31, Malagalu Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore 560091	Rs.32,25,658/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
28	KA0020610002520 / MR.RAGHAVENDRA SHIVA KUMAR/ MR.GUBBI CHINNASWAMY RAGHU	No. 6, 6Th Cross, Harijana Colony Extension, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore 560062	Rs.31,29,412/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
29	KA0020610004027 / MR.V RAJESH KANNAN	Om Shakthi Enclave, House No: Tf-1, 3Rd Floor, Btm Layout, Veeranjaneya Temple, Ns Palya, Jp Nagar, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Naga, Bangalore 560076	Rs.28,22,911/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
30	KA0020110001527 / MRS.TESJASWINI ANIDIDINASHURA SIDDELINGEGOWDA/ MR.MUNIYAPPA SOMU SHEKAR	Design Tech Spandhana Apartments, House No: 402, 4Th Floor Neeladrinagar, Begur Hobli, Near Wipro 16Th Gate, Doddathogur, Electronics City, Bangalore 560100	Rs.29,15,136/- AS ON 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
31	KA0020610003377 / MR.S RAJAKUMAR / MRS.SH CHANDRAKALA	Sitr No:1, Gramathana Khatha No:38/7Of Maragondanahalli Village, Ramohalli Village Panchayat	Rs.27,01,630/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
32	KA0020610002904 / MR.NARASAPPA LAXMANA/ MRS.MAHADEVAPPA NAGAMMA	Souther Portion Of Site No. 12, Sy. Nos. 73/5, 73/6, 73/7, 74/4 & 74/6, Byalakere Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560097.	Rs.24,39,417/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
33	KA0020610003581 / MR.ANIL KUMAR V / MR.V SUNIL KUMAR / MRS.V RATHNAMMA	Site No. 13, Sl.No. 112, Janjur Khata No. 1074, Kannurahalli Village, Kabasa Hobli, Hosekote Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist	Rs.24,21,524/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
34	KA0020610003607 / MR. S KRISHNAKUMAR	House No: 40, Chikkbanaswadi, Near Muneswara Temple, Kr Puram, Banaswadi, Chikkabanaswadi 560043	Rs.23,91,505/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
35	KA0020110003281 / MR.RAMANJINAPPA ANJANAMURTHY	Kh No. 1231/2, Yelahanka Hobli, Near Aveksha Hospital, Singapura Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore 560097	Rs.23,18,278/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
36	KA0020610003065 / MR.PRAVEEN SHETTY / MRS.PREMA SHETTY	22/1D And 22/1G, Adarsha Enclave, House No: 02, Floor No: Gf, Plot No: 12 And 13, 3Rd Cross, Sidedahalli, Bagalgunte, Bangalore 560073	Rs.21,43,940/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
37	KA0020610003664 / NAVEEN KUMAR	Prop No 64/10, Maruthi Nagar, Kh No 64/4/10/2, Kogilu, Crpf Campus Yelahanka, Yelhanka 560064	Rs.20,57,200/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
38	KA0020610004111 / MR.U SRINIVASAN / MR.U CHANDRA	Royal Enclave Phase V Apartement, B-4, 1St Floor, Royal Enclave Layout Mai, Sidedahalli, Nagasandra (Bangalore), 560073	Rs.19,02,279/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
39	KA0020610002014 / MR.VIJAY GANESH SAI KUMAR / MR. SAIKUMAR SARAVANAM	Kh No. 287, House No: 7/P-1, Plot No: 2, Street Name: Khane Road, Sector Ward No: K R Puram Hobli, Land Mark: Near Kalkere Bus Stand, Village: Kalkere, Location: Horamavu, Taluka: Bangalore 560043	Rs.18,64,243/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
40	KA0020110002555 / MR.KOWSAR MOHAMED / MRS.ASMA KHANAM	Gut No: 61/2, Vijinapura Main Road, Village: Vijinapura, Location: Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore 560036	Rs.16,62,595/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
41	KA0021300104910 / MR.JAYAPRAKASH R/ MRS.JESSICA MARY ANN/ MR.PRAKASH MALLYA	Gu. No.12 & 13, Flat No. 12 & 13, Ground Floor, K R Puram, Horamavu Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560043. Near, F A Layout	Rs.16,04,956/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
42	KA0021300106186 / MRS.JANAKI SESHAADRI/ MR.SESHAADRI R/ MR.R NANDAKUMAR	Flat No. A5 – 301, 3Rd Floor, Janapriya 1St Avenue Arashinakunte, Nelamangala, Bangalore 563123. Near Sales Tax Check Post	Rs.13,59,450/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
43	KA0020610004035 / MR.R SUBRAMANI / MR.M SUNIL	Prop No 57/1, Plot No: West Por Site No 20, Pillahalli Cross Road, Dasanapura, Pillahalli, Bangalore 562123	Rs.13,15,451/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
44	KA0021310002253 / MR.THANGARAJ MANI RAJAN/ MRS.MANIRAJAN STELLA CARLINE	Site No. 527-37. Panchayat Khata No. 527-37, Vijayanagar, Chinnakote Village, Robertsonpet Hobli, Bangarpet Taluk, 563122	Rs.12,23,945/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
45	KA0021310001318/ MR.CHALUVA MURTHY B/ MRS.MANJULA B CHELUVAMURTHY	Door No. 53, Khata No.6/24, Assessment No.36/2, Arehalli Village, Near Ags Layout, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore 560062	Rs.12.55.185/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
46	KA0020610002474/ MR.SAYED ABDUL RAHEEM AZMEER/ MRS.NAFISA MAHEEN ABDUL RAHIM	Kritan Asta, House No: G-2, Hulimangala, Near Coffee Day, Electronics City, Anekal 560100.	Rs.11,63,378/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
47	KA0021300107060/ MR.BABU N/ MRS.KOUSALYADEVI P/ AJITH KUMAR NAIR P K	Flat No. S- 4, 'Lake View Apartments', Second Floor, Phase-1, 'A' Block . Land Mark: Near Rainbow School, Gulladahalli Village , Chikkasandra Taluk, Bangalore North State, Bangalore 560090	Rs.10,45,991/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
48	KA0020110003042/ PRAVEEN KUMAR MS/ MANICKAM SHANTHA KUMAR	Gut No: 1260, Floor No: Gf, 1691, Irudayapuram, Behind Govt School, Robertsonpet, Kolar 563101	Rs.9,29,589/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
49	KA0020610003293/ MR.NARASAPPA LAXMANA/ MRS.MAHADEVAPPA NAGAMMA	Souther Portion Of Site No. 12, Sy. Nos. 73/5, 73/6, 73/7, 74/4 & 74/6, Byalakere Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560097	Rs.7,74,747/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
50	KA0020610003067 / MRS. ANUSHA PONNAM	Sri Sai Enclave, House No: 508, 5Th Floor, Sai City Layout, Near Samuel Public School, Halehalli, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore 560036	Rs.7,65,236/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
51	KA0021300107594/ MR.SUDHEENDRA B / MRS.JAYANTHI N	Janapriya Nivas Apartments, House No: 105, Block-1, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Chikkasandra, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore 560090	Rs.7,85,187/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
52	KA0021300107573/ MR.SAMSON STANY PAUL ANJUGAM PAUL	Janapriya Heights' Apts, Flat No.4336-A, Hesarghatta Main Road, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Near Sapthagiri Engineering College, Mallasandra, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore, Pin Code- 560090	Rs.6,88,203/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
53	KA0021300104712/ MRS.PUSHPAVATHI S C/ MRS.N SATHYA PREMA (GUARANTOR)	Gut No: 200, House No: 29-1, Floor No: Gf, Sector Ward No: Kengeri Hobli, Land Mark: Kengeri, Village: Kengeri, Location: Kengeri, Taluka: Bangalore North, State: Karnataka, Pin Code: 560060	Rs.2,73,178/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
54	KA0021300103997/ MR.MADAN MOHAN REDDY G/ MRS.PADMA LATHA G	House No: 1021, Janapriya Township, Gf, Block Ii, Kadabagere, Bangalore North 562130	Rs.4,42,574/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
55	KA0021300104863/ MR.HANUMANTHAPPA M / MRS.LAXMIDEVI TL / MRS.S ANASUYA (GUARATOR) / MRS. SUBBALAKSHMI (GUARANTOR)	Gut No: 13, Kasaba Hobli, Land Mark: Kurubarahalli, Village: Kurubarahalli, Location: Kodigehalli, Taluka: Doddaballapura, State: Karnataka, Pin Code: 560091	Rs.2,48,079/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021
56	KA0020610002275/ MRS.LEENA LINGAIAH/ MR.VIJAY VENKATESH RAMAKRISHNA	Siri Splendour, House No: 502, 4Th Floor, Nisarga Layout, Opp.Abbaiah Naidu Studio, Chikkallasandra, Girinagar (Bangalore) 560085	Rs.15,53,960/- as on 30.09.2021	02.08.2021

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The special darshan facilities for senior citizens, physically challenged, and devotees with infants will not be revived soon in view of the continuing Covid-19 situation, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) said on Tuesday

More rain likely in Kerala from today

The Met Department has scaled up the 'yellow' alert in 11 districts on Wednesday to 'orange'

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AFTER a day's respite from heavy rain, it's anxious moments once again for the state from Wednesday, as heavy to very heavy rainfall, that can even go up to 204.4 mm in a span of 24 hours, has been forecast till Friday.

The Met Department has scaled up the 'yellow' alert that was declared in 11 districts on Wednesday to 'orange'. Orange alert has been issued in all districts except Kannur and Kasaragod, on Thursday.

Fishermen have been warned not to venture into the sea on Wednesday and Thursday as squally weather, with wind speed reaching 40-50 Kmph is to prevail over Kerala coast and Lakshadweep area. In a weather bulletin issued on Tuesday, the Met Department also warned that thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places in the state till October 23.

According to the weatherman, localised mudslides or landslides; damage to horticulture and standing crops in some areas due to inundation and flooding in river catchments can occur as a result of the heavy rainfall.

Flooding of roads, inundation and water logging in low lying areas and closure of underpasses mainly in urban areas are expected, the Met Department said. Disruption of traffic in major cities due to water logging in roads, minor damage to roads and possibility of damage to vulnerable structures can also occur.

Disaster preparedness

AS part of preparedness against natural calamities, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams have been deployed in Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Idukki, Ernakulam, Thrissur Malappuram. A total of 11 NDRF teams have been deployed across the state.

A team of Army personnel have been stationed in Thiruvananthapuram and Kottayam. While Defence Security Force (DSF) personnel have been deployed in Kozhikode and Wayanad, two choppers of the Air Force have been put on standby at Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi. This is in addition to a chopper of the Navy stationed in Kochi for emergency requirements. Volunteers and Civil Defence personnel have also been put on standby. A Navy chopper from Kochi distributed 100 food packets in Koottikkal and Kokkayar areas.

Other measures

THE functioning of the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) has been further strengthened and representatives from KSEB, departments of Irrigation and Motor Vehicles and Army have been deployed in SEOC for better coordination. SEOC personnel are in constant touch with police and fire force personnel as well.

Sugandi, a resident of Thalavady, stands near a well which is flooded due to the rains | ARUN ANGELA

A view of the Cheruthony Town after water from the Idukki dam was released on Tuesday | SHIYAMI

Fishermen from coastal areas of Alappuzha district unloading their boats | ARUN ANGELA

Floodgates of Idukki reservoir open

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

ENDING hours of anxiety, the floodgates of the Idukki reservoir were opened at 11am on Tuesday. Three shutters of Cheruthoni, one of the three dams that form the Idukki reservoir, were raised after Electricity Minister K Krishnankutty and Water Resources Minister Roshy Augustine held a review meeting with top officials at the dam site.

The third, fourth and second shutters were raised at 11am, 12 pm and 12.30pm, to a height of 35cm, releasing one lakh litres of water per second. Since its inauguration 45 years ago, the shutters of Idukki dam, the largest arch dam in Asia, have been raised three times earlier -- in 1981, 1992 and 2018.

As water gushed down, its level rose in Cheruthoni river, which is a tributary of the Periyar. People living on the river banks have been alerted and 222 people were shifted to relief camps.

POLITICAL HEAT RISES

TDP office comes under attack; party calls for Andhra bandh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

POLITICAL tensions flared up in Andhra Pradesh after the TDP's headquarters at Mangalagiri was attacked by alleged YSRC supporters Tuesday evening protesting the unsavoury remarks of the spokesperson of the Opposition party against Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. The residence of the party spokesperson, Kommareddy Pattabhiram, in Vijayawada also came under attack while activists allegedly belonging to the YSRC made vain attempts to march on the TDP offices at several other places. Additional forces have been deployed across the State to prevent further attacks and counter-attacks.

TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu strongly condemned the attacks and called for a Statewide bandh Wednesday against what he termed as "State-sponsored terrorism." Naidu, who rang up Union Home Minister Amit Shah, demanded central security for TDP offices and imposition of President's rule in the State. Home Minister Sucharita refuted Naidu's charges, insinuating that TDP cadre themselves could be involved in the attacks so as to show the government in a poor light. She advised the TDP to refrain from using vulgar language against the Chief Minister and instead, offer constructive advice, if any, to the government.

TDP's office at Mangalagiri was attacked by alleged YSRC supporters on Tuesday evening| EXPRESS

Trouble began after Pattabhi, addressing a press conference around 3 p.m, found fault with the Visakhapatnam police for serving notices on his colleague Nakka Anand Babu, who alleged involvement of political leaders and organised mafia in the ganja smuggling going on in the State with Visakhapatnam agency area as its epicentre. Seeking to know how could the police serve notices on Anand Babu, he dared the government to serve notices on the Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh as well as Guntur district police who had publicly said the roots of ganja smuggling were in the State. Pattabhi, without directly referring to Jagan, called him names.

Soon after, tension mounted as people, reportedly belonging to the YSRC, started to gather at the TDP office at Mangalagiri. TDP leaders alleged they had informed the local police in vain.

EXPRESS READ

Dattamala Abhiyan from Nov 8 to 14

Chikkamagaluru: "Dattamala Abhiyan will be launched from November 8 to 14 and devotees will be donning Malas (traditional dhoti and shawl) at Shankar Mutt in the city at 10 am on November 8," said Srirama Sene State President Gangadhara Kulakarni. During the 18th year of Dattamala Abhiyan, Datta Depotsav will be held in temples across the state at 7 pm on November 11. Devotees will collect Irumudis on November 12 and will visit Datta Peeta carrrying Irumdi on November 14.

Elderly woman kills her paralysed husband

T'PURAM: In a suspected mercy killing incident, a paralysed elderly man was murdered by his wife, who slit his throat in their home at Neyyattinkara on Tuesday morning. The deceased is Gopi alias Njanadas, a 76-year-old resident of Manavari. His 72-year-old wife Sumathi allegedly attempted to commit suicide, and was found unconscious, close to a pond near their home by locals. The Marayamuttom police have registered a case in connection with the incident, and will arrest Sumathi once she is discharged.

Zomato faces Twitter backlash

C P BALASUBRAMANYAM @ Chennai

FOOD aggregator Zomato came under fire on Tuesday after a person from Tamil Nadu took to Twitter flagging an incident in which the company's customer care agent schooled him for not knowing Hindi. The user, Vikash, claimed to have contacted the agent seeking a refund for a missing order item.

The Zomato agent expressed inability to solve the issue due to a language barrier. When Vikash insisted that the agent solve the issue by deputing someone who knows the local language, he was told "Hindi is the country's national language and so it is very common that everybody should know Hindi little bit."

Vikash's tweet on the incident caused outrage among users who called for a boycott.

BARODA KISAN DIWAS

Bank of Baroda commemorated World Food Day on Tuesday by announcing the inauguration of 4th edition of Baroda Kisan Diwas at Alagondanahalli Village, Malur, Hosakote. The programme was inaugurated by Ajay K Khurana, Executive Director, BoB, Sudhakara D Nayak, Zonal Head, Chandan S Chatterjee, DGM, NABARD, Dr M S Nataraju, Ex Director, University of Agricultural Science, Chandrashekhar, President, Gram Panchayat, B Sivaram, Deputy Zonal Head, A Muralikrishna, NDGM, Manish Prasad, Regional Manager, Bengaluru Rural Region, and the regional heads of BoB

Fungal disease may push up veggie prices

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A day later, its price jumped to ₹30. Other pricey vegetables including drum sticks (₹60), carrot (₹40), capsicum (₹65) and field beans (₹50).

In Mysuru, the monsoon damage to crops raised prices of tomatoes from ₹20 a kg to ₹60-65 within 15 days.

Similarly, coriander has gone up from ₹10 to ₹50 for a bunch. And beans and capsicum prices have doubled in a fortnight.

The prices of veggies are likely to further shoot up because of blight — a fungal disease attacking the stem and fruit.

Flood-hit Kerala is experiencing a 100-300% price rise as compared to their mid-September rates. Kerala depends on Tamil Nadu and Karnataka for most vegetables, both of which have been battered by the monsoon. The steep hike in transportation cost has further jacked up prices. Tomato that cost ₹20-25 per kg a month ago is now priced at ₹65-70; onion ₹50-55, up from ₹20-22; drumstick ₹80 against ₹25; and brinjal ₹70 against ₹16 last month.

As for Chennai, the price of tomatoes was sold for ₹60-80 from ₹50 on Monday. The cost of onion jumped from ₹30 to ₹45 in a week. Traders said there has been a 10-15% rice in the prices of most vegetables. Prices are expected to fall in the first week of November.

In Coimbatore, M Rajendran, president of TK Market, said: "The rate of native vegetables has risen in the last week. The price of drumstick has gone up from ₹30 last week to ₹80 per kg now."

Bajrang Dal leader attacked, Tumkuru tense

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TENSION gripped Tumakuru after the district convener of Bajrang Dal Manju Bhargav, and his friend Kiran were attacked by a group of six unruly youths at Gubbi Gate on Bengaluru-Honnavara national highway-206 on Tuesday evening.

The youth allegedly attacked the duo when the latter advised them against bike wheeling on the national highway. Manju (34) and Kiran were admitted to the district general hospital with severe injuries.

As the news spread like wildfire, members of several pro-Hindu organisations gathered in front of the hospital and demanded immediate action against the accused. Additional police forces were deployed in select areas of the city as a precautionary measure.

"We have identified the accused and will arrest them soon. Whether the attack was intentional or not will be investigated as one of the accused had hit the victims with a metal rod," Superintendent of Police Rahul Kumar Shahapurawad told *The New Indian Express*, adding that the situation is under control. "Adequate measures have been taken as the KRSP and DAR platoons have been deployed in order to check any untoward incident," he informed.

As the accused hailed from another community, the pro-Hindu organisations have alleged that it was a pre-planned attack.

Tumakuru city MLA G B Jyothiganesh visited the hospital and condemned the incident.

MSMEs urge Central govt to cut taxes on fuel

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MICRO, Small and Medium Enterprises in Karnataka have appealed to the State and Centre to cut taxes on fuel prices. Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) stated that the MSMEs are worst hit by the spiralling price rise, as it increased transport expenses of workers and production cost of factories. It is leading to other complications as workers demand an increase in their salaries to meet their rising commuting cost as most of them use their vehicles for commuting.

Though fuel price increase has reduced their margins, the MSMEs cannot pass on the burden to customers, as many vendors have signed contracts with their purchasers. KASSIA noted that the return of fuel consumption level to pre-Covid times indicates that the economy is on the rebound, and there is no need for the government to delay its decision to reduce the duty on it. The association urged the CM to immediately cut the existing sales tax and the Centre to reduce the excise duty.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had earlier stated that they will take a call on reducing tax on fuel after the October 30 bypolls.

"The industrialists are compromising on profit margins due to increase in petrol and diesel prices. When the Dasara bonus was announced, the workers demanded an increase in the allowance, as the fuel price is increasing day after day. The Centre has to take measures to bring down the fuel prices, " said Ramesh Hegde, Chairman, Machenahalli Industries Association and former KASSIA member.

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4	Mysuru - Chamarajanagar	15.12.2021

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EDITORIAL

"The forest is peaceful, why aren't you? You hold onto things causing your confusion. Let nature teach you. Hear the bird's song, then let go

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— Ramnath Goenka

WHEN FAMILIES ARE ABRUPTLY EVICTED WITH NO NOTICE

Amid the festive season, a community of 50 families living on the pavements of Egmore in the heart of Chennai were suddenly evicted by the city corporation. The community has, like others before, fought the eviction that has been implemented without any preparation to provide the families permanent housing. The civic body's plan ostensibly is to move them into temporary shelters and eventually into permanent housing. However, the question arises as to why this community had to be evicted suddenly without alternative housing already prepared.

This is not an isolated phenomenon. Through the course of the pandemic, evictions continued in India, pushing already vulnerable people to the brink. A recent report showed that over 2,000 families were evicted in TN from March 2020 to June 2021. More often than not, evictions for so-called development projects have resulted in thousands of people being moved from the heart of a city to the margins, to live in huge colonies 20-30 km away—ghettos—that only replicate the SC colonies adjoining villages. The presence of 'slum' communities in the city keeps the metropolis running while also ensuring their own quality of life through better healthcare and social mobility through better education. Yet development is seen as a phenomenon isolated from the people who need it the most.

While there has been a degree of continuity in the policy of evictions and resettlement as practiced by the DMK and AIADMK, the former seems to now consider the value of resettling communities within city limits. Its government says it will look at building new tenements within the Corporation limits. This will go a long way in mitigating loss of livelihood and school dropouts—both of which have hurt communities that have been shifted to large settlements outside the city over the past 15 years. However, the verbal assurances mean little when families can still be abruptly evicted with neither notice nor guarantee of housing. The state recently changed the name of the erstwhile slum clearance board to TN Urban Habitat Development Board. But it is not enough to change nomenclature. The inhumane attitude must change too.

SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE CRICKET MATCH

Just the other day, Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli said that his team members would take their opening T20 World Cup game against Pakistan as just another match. "... There is hype around it but more so with respect to ticket sales and demand. Right now, the value for those tickets are ridiculously high ... the environment, you can say, is different from the outside," he said. Yes, it's just another game but can we escape the brouhaha associated with it? It will be difficult. But then these set of cricketers are professionals and they know how to play with the sporting spirit intact.

India versus Pakistan in cricket evokes a kind of excitement and romance that few other sporting rivalries in the world can boast of. No matter what the stage, the hype surrounding the match is surreal. On October 24, when India meets Pakistan in a T20 World Cup match, it will be no different. The unbridled euphoria from the Gulf will spill over to the subcontinent. The last bilateral series played between the two nations was in 2012-13. The two now meet only during Asia Cups, 50-over World Cups, Champions Trophies and T20 World Cups. India last played against Pakistan in 2019 in the 50-over World Cup and won the match. With India winning more often than losing—and after conquering sides like Australia and South Africa—the intense rivalry between the two cricketing neighbours was expected to dwindle. On the contrary, going by the hype and hoopla surrounding the game, this seems to not be the case. A 10-second TV slot is reportedly going for a premium. Every business enterprise is trying to cash in on this game.

There have been calls for boycott amid killings in the Kashmir Valley, but it would be prudent to not mix sports with politics. First of all, it is an ICC tournament and India can only forfeit a match, which might affect its overall standing in the tally. Though technically the Indian cricket board is the host, the teams are anyway squaring off on a neutral venue. Yes, this match is something special but it ought to be treated as just a sporting encounter that transcends the vicissitudes of mundane existence.

Studies provide proof—across ethnicity, time and geography—that environmental factors greatly influence disease outcomes like hypertension, diabetes and coronary heart disease

WHY MIGRATION IS A NATURAL HEALTH EXPERIMENT

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The Nobel Prize for Economics in 2021 was awarded to three economists for their work on the lessons that natural experiments provide. These arise from comparisons between population groups that experience outcomes of real-life exposures that were not planned as an intervention trial. In health, migration of people produces a large natural experiment, which enables us to observe the effects of a changed living environment on their health. It creates an excellent platform to study gene-environment interactions.

In the 1980s, there was high global interest in the observation that the Japanese had a very low incidence of coronary heart disease in contrast to the very high rates in Europe and the US. So a study was conducted to see if persons of Japanese ethnicity would still retain low risk propensity if they migrated to regions with a higher risk of heart attacks. The Ni-Hon-San study compared Japanese living in Japan (Nippon) with those living in Honolulu (Hawaii) and San Francisco (California).

Japanese migrants in San Francisco were found to have higher rates of heart disease than those in Japan. Their rates were intermediate between heart disease rates seen in the country of origin and the country of adoption. Those in Honolulu too had higher levels than the Japanese in the home country but lower than the migrants to California, corresponding to the level of their acculturation to a different social environment. Body weight and blood cholesterol levels rose as the migrants moved closer to the Golden Gate Bridge of San Francisco (and the golden arches of American fast food joints). In contrast, the risk of bleeding brain strokes, high in Japan, fell with migration. This was possibly an effect of high fat consumption, which reduces the risk of bleeding but increases the risk of clotting.

There was also interest in persons of African ethnicity having high levels of hypertension and blood pressure-related organ damage when they were studied outside the African continent, especially in America. It was observed that African Americans had much higher rates of blood pressure-related disorders and diabetes than Africans in the mother continent. African migrants to Europe too had high levels of blood pressure and diabetes but lower than that of African Americans. Persons of African ethnicity in the Netherlands had higher risk of hypertension and diabetes than those in England, reflecting the patterns seen in the white populations of those two countries.

In Kenya, blood pressure patterns of Luo tribesmen were studied. Among these subsistence farmers, those who migrated to Nairobi had higher blood pressure levels than their rural counterparts. The level of rise corresponded to the years of urban residence in Nairobi. These studies made it clear that hypertension and diabetes among persons of African ethnicity were related to acculturation to urban environments, propelled by altered diets, lower physical activity, greater stress and higher levels of air pollution.

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In the second half of the 20th century, diabetes and coronary heart disease were noted to be high among Indian migrants the world over. In the 1950s, early reports came in from Uganda and Malaya. Later, reports poured in from studies conducted in the UK, US, Singapore, Canada, South Africa and Mauritius. From the first to third generation, Indian and other South Asian migrants had higher heart attack rates compared to local and other migrant population groups. This was associated with increased body fat, abdominal obesity, lower muscle mass, glucose intolerance, insulin resistance, high levels of triglyceride and low levels of the cardio-protective HDL fraction of blood cholesterol. Even if not overtly obese or even actually thin, the potbellied Indian was an advertisement for high risk of diabetes and heart disease.

While this sparked theories of genetic susceptibility, no genetic marker of high predictive value has been identified. While it may indicate a polygenic origin rather than a single gene disorder, even a cluster of multiple candidate genes had a low explanatory power in various studies. Community-based epidemiological studies conducted by our research group showed a rising gradient of risk from rural to urban to migrant Indians. A comparison of urban migrant industry workers in three Indian cities with their siblings who stayed behind in rural homes revealed that the migrants exhibited a sharp rise in all heart disease and diabetes risk factors within a few years of their relocation to cities.

These studies provide proof—across ethnicity, time and geography—that environmental factors greatly influence the risk and disease outcomes like hypertension, diabetes and coronary heart disease. Genetic susceptibility or metabolic programming by early-life malnutrition may predispose one to these conditions. Whether, when and to what extent that susceptibility is triggered depends on the living environment to which the individual is exposed during the course of their life. We as a society create those living conditions. We can make them conducive to good health, rather than blame our genes. This is the lesson from the largest natural experiment of all-human migration.

(Views expressed are personal)

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PATRONISATION OF AN ACADEMIC LANGUAGE BY CHOLAS

MADHUSUDHANAN KALAICHELVAN

Architect, serves on the govt-instituted panel for conservation of temples in TN

The antiquity of Indian culture can be understood by the classical nature of the deeply evolved twin languages—Tamil and Sanskrit. The South Indian tradition, right from the Sangam age (3rd century BCE–3rd century CE), has held both the languages in high esteem. Sangam Tamil anthologies repeatedly highlight the significant position that Vedic practices and beliefs had on the population. Starting from that period, the monarchs such as the Cholas, Pandyas and Pallavas held Sanskrit in high regard, patronising it in both academic and professional settings.

The Cholas, who claim their origin from the Ikshvaku dynasty and hence that their ancestry includes Sri Rama, have given special consideration to the Sanskrit language. At different phases of their rule, they created benevolent endowments for Vedic learning and propagating the language. Across the Chola country, several institutions with hostels flourished where specific Vedas and Vedangas were taught. Temple-centric schools and colleges had endowments that were created by the royal family members and affluent patrons to support the propagation of specific parts of Vedic texts.

A Vedic school that functioned at Anoor near Chengalpattu, taught Vedas and *Ashtadhyayi* to its students. The inscription also details out the qualifications of the teacher, which included mastery of the Vedas, *Alankaras*, Panini's *Vyakarana* and *Mimamsa*.

At Ennayiram near Villupuram, Rajendra Chola directly intervened to set the remuneration for the teachers at the Vedic college and endowments to feed the students. This Vedic school was fairly popular and well-documented. With 270 junior students and 70 senior students mentored by 14 teachers, the school offered several choices for specialisation. Among the junior students, 40 of them learnt the grammar text *Rupavatara*, 75 each learnt the *Rig* and *Yajur Vedas*, 10 learnt the *Atharva Veda*, 20 each learnt *Vajasanneya*, *Chandokya* and *Talavakara samas* and the remaining learnt *Baudayana Gruhya Sutras*. In the senior category, 25 students learnt grammar, 35 learnt *Prabhakara Mimamsa* and 10 learnt *Vedanta*. An interesting note from this inscription is about a measured quantity of paddy paid as a monthly stipend to the students.

Another interesting aspect about this school is that it functioned as a part of a temple dedicated to Vishnu as Narasimha. Assuming it to be a school following Sri Vaishnava *agama*, it's interesting to note *Vedanta* lessons were being taught there even before the *Sri Bhashya* of Ramanuja was authored.

Epigraphic record also documents specific details about the remuneration paid to the teachers of different departments. The best paid were the teachers of *Vedanta*, followed by the *Mimamsa* and *Vyakarana* teachers. While other teachers were also remunerated through a measured quantity of gold annually, teachers of *Vedanta* were only compensated through paddy, as it was against their dharma to accept gold in exchange for their knowledge.

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Yet another well-documented Vedic college existed in Tribhuvanai, a small settlement in the outskirts of Pondicherry. With a total strength of 260 students and 12 teachers, the codified *Dharma Sastras* authored by Manu, *Satyasada Sutras*, *Vaikhanasa Agama*, *Mahabharatha* and *Ramayana* were also taught. With remuneration similar to the school at Ennayiram, the students and teachers from this college were exempted from participating in the activities of the local administrative council to ensure their commitment to academics was not disturbed.

In Vikrama Chola's reign, medical students studying Vaghabhatta's *Ashtanga Hrudaya*, *Caraka Samhitha* and *Rupavathara* were fed at a mutt associated with the temple at Tiruvavaduthurai. An important inscription in itself, this also gives interesting details about a medical school and a dispensary associated with a temple. And the students of the school studied grammar texts too.

A 13th century CE inscription details the Puranic episode of Lord Siva delivering the 14 *sutras* of grammar to Maharshi Panini. Interestingly this traditional belief was regionalised by constructing a cloistered *mandapam* called *vyakarana dhana mandapam* and the pavilion was endowed with land to maintain the school that was functioning there.

The Vedic school and hostel functioning along with a hospital at Tirumukkudal, near Chengalpattu, in the reign of Vira Rajendhra, is probably the most well-documented institution from the Chola era. Apart from details about subjects taught and the respective remunerations, the inscription speaks about hostel amenities like mats to sleep on, provision for oil bath once a week for the students and herbal medicines that were available in the attached dispensary.

These epigraphic records help us understand the status that Sanskrit as an academic language enjoyed under the Chola monarchs. Traditional schools that taught and trained students in Sanskrit, its grammar and philosophy, and in traditional works like the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharatha* were instituted in important cities and towns. It's equally interesting to note that not many records exist for a similar structured teaching of the Tamil language and its nuances.

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Cut fuel costs

This is with reference to *High fuel rates, rain make veggie prices go north* (Oct 19). It is disheartening to read that with the festive season round the corner, the worst sufferers this year would be the middle class and poor. At the same time, it is a consolation that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has expressed her concern and taken it as a challenge. The best option would be to reduce fuel and cooking gas prices, even if it eats into the government's profit.

R Donjeba, Thoothukudi

Exorbitant prices

Governments have been talking about the one nation one tax policy, but it has still left petrol and diesel prices exempt from GST. They are charging exorbitant prices from the citizens. Fuel is an essential need for people, yet the government has put up very high taxes on it, as though it were a luxury item. I think fuel prices should be brought under the ambit of the GST so that a rational tax percentage will be applied on it.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Terror on the rise

The news about the attacks on Hindu homes in Bangladesh, that on Bihari migrants in J&K and about the Pakistani faction of the Taliban attempting to retake control of the tribal regions along the border between Islamabad and Afghanistan are quite disturbing. It seems the Taliban takeover has emboldened terrorists to carry out their agenda more aggressively. Peace around the globe and more specifically in Asia will surely come under stress in the near future. It is time for the whole world to come together to unitedly fight terrorism.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

Disasters in Kerala

Over the years, many places in Kerala have become unsafe to live in. While people in coastal areas face tidal issues, those in hilly areas have to deal with landslides. Floods affect almost everyone equally. Human activity is to blame for many such avoidable disasters. Warnings from the scientific community are being ignored by successive governments. These matters must be looked at more seriously for the betterment of the people and the state.

Girish R Edathitta, Adoor

Odisha must take action

This is with reference to *Rising crimes against women in Odisha* (Oct 19). It is disheartening to read that crimes against women are on the rise in Odisha. In India, all are equal by law, yet women face a lot more problems. This is the right time for the state government to take strict actions to deter such crimes.

Saul Abhishek, Kerala

Centre's hidden agenda

This is with reference to *Lakhimpur, a question of human dignity* (Oct 19). It highlighted the hidden agenda of the present government. Citizens are brutally deprived of their equality and respect, which are hallmarks of the rule of law. The law should always be above politics.

Pilli Rayappa, Thiruvananthapuram

Heads we win, tails you lose

This is with reference to *Insuring against frivolous claim rejections* (Oct 19). The editorial has put things in perspective. It seems insurance companies are more prone to rejecting claims than settling them. It is time the insurance regulator IRDAI firmly lets these companies know that they must change their policy, which currently seems to be 'heads we win, tails you lose'.

CG Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Tweet in bad taste

The tweet about PM Modi from the Karnataka Congress's official handle is in bad taste (*K'taka Congress tweet on PM sparks row*, Oct 19). Though it has been deleted and blamed on a novice, the damage has been done. There is no dearth of issues that the Congress can use to criticise the PM. The jibe of '*chaiwala*' used in the past was counterproductive. The Congress should be mindful of its own dignity and legacy.

Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Charanjit S Channi @CHARANJITCHANNI
Govt of Punjab has decided to provide free power to all Rural Water Supply. The service charge on all RWS scheme will be reduced by 70% per household

Mayawati @Mayawati
When Congress is in power & have good days, they don't remember OBc's or women. The announcement of giving tickets is their pure election drama

Alka Lamba @LambaAlka
Sister-Veer of BSP, take off BJP's spectacles. First you had objection for making a Dalit CM in Punjab, now with the increased participation of women

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra addresses the media in Lucknow on Tuesday | PTI

Women at the centre of new Cong strategy

Priyanka plays big part in shaping party's plans for next year's UP Assembly polls

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE grand old party of the country is preparing to adopt a new strategy, keeping women, farmers, Scheduled Castes, minorities and young voters in mind in the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh next year.

Congress leaders are learnt to have started working on this strategy with a team of experts from socio-economic and political fields. "We are set to adopt a new strategy, setting examples for other parties to follow. The decision to reserve 40% of tickets for woman is not going to be an isolated example. A lot of surprises are in store, for youths, farmers and others, who are longing for a change in UP and other states," a senior leader claimed.

As per official data, UP has around 6.61 crore female voters out of 14.40 crore eligible voters. In recent local body elections, 53.7% of successful candidates were women. Archana Kumari, a Delhi-based research scholar working on electoral consciousness among women aged between 25-45, said, "In states like UP, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, Haryana, MP and West Bengal, electoral consciousness both in casting votes and participation in electoral process has increased by 15% to 22% in the last 15 years. Results of elections have started being influenced by the huge turnout of women voters in the country".

RK Verma, another political researcher associated with Indian Institute of Public Administration, said the decision reflects that Congress has understood the emerging social and gender chemistry of voters, although a bit late. A reliable party source said Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has played a big part in devising the new strategy. "A war room for fighting the UP elections has been set up in Lucknow where experts from various related political fields would be fine-tuning the new strategies," he said.

It is expected that female voters in UP would once again outnumber their male counterparts — from 63.26% in 2017 to 65-67% in 2022. BJP had managed to get a major chunk, as around 46% of women voted for them.

Hailing the decision of reserving 40% tickets reserve for women, senior Congress leader KC Venugopal called it historic. Pawan Khera, another leader, said, "This is what revolutions are made of. This announcement is unprecedented. It will prove to be a turning point in Indian politics".

Echoing similar sentimentsd, Chhattisgarh chief minister and special observer of party for UP elections, Bhupesh Baghel termed the decision a historic one. "Now, the women of UP will not be afraid but will say it firmly," he said.

Shah assures help for Maharashtra sugar mills

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi/Mumbai

UNION Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday held a meeting with leaders from Maharashtra on issues pertaining to the sugar industry and ensured all possible help from the Central government to revive the industry in the state. Co-operative-based sugar factory issues were discussed. Officials said Shah assured the delegation that steps would be taken.

Amit Shah and Devendra Fadnavis after the meeting in New Delhi | TWITTER

Union Minister of State for Coal, Raosaheb Patil Danve, Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation BL Verma, former Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis, former Maharashtra ministers Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Madan Bhosle and Harshvardhan Patil, along with MLA Rahul Kul, MLC Ranjit Singh Mohite Patil and former MP Dhananjay Mahadik attended the meeting. The meeting is significant in terms of the government's concern towards sugar mills.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs had in August approved fair and remunerative price (FRP) of sugarcane payable by mills for the 2021-22 season. Maharashtra co-operative sugar factories demanded the financial package and relief in income tax, according to officials. Sugar factories in Maharashtra have to pay ₹10,000 crore as income tax. The factories are facing difficulties in paying taxes due to drought and Covid.

Fadnavis said a number of decisions were taken in the meeting. He said the main demand was for a permanent solution to the tax issues of factories that are paying more than FRP to farmers. "Most of these are old problems. However, Amitbhai Shah ensured solutions to these problems. The government wants to resolve the issues through a tripartite agreement with oil companies regarding the ethanol projects. We also discussed the debt restructuring of sugar factories that will help them to come out from the crisis," Fadnavis said.

He added that this year bumper crop of sugar cane is expected, so in such a scenario there should be no loss to sugar factories as well as farmers. "There is a demand for a package for sugar mills. The state government should have announced packagess. But they are giving stepmotherly treatment to other sugar mills. There should be equal treatment to all sugar factories," he added.

AI PROPERTIES UP FOR MONETISATION

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

AIR India (AI) properties including the land and buildings spread in metro cities will be up for monetisation.

The disinvestment of the carrier has just been concluded. The properties include the iconic Nariman Point building in Mumbai, the AI headquarters and the reservation office building at Safdarjung Airport in the national capital and many others. According to an estimate, properties including land and buildings valuing around ₹₹11,000 to ₹₹12,000 crore will be part of the monetization. A government official said a survey was carried out during 2018 to estimate the values of various properties of the AI.

The official said that the major properties including the AI headquarter in New Delhi and Mumbai-based AI building will not be up for monetization soon. These buildings will be given to the buyer, Tata, for nearly two years to facilitate a smooth transition. Besides, the AI's residential apartments will also be with the new buyer for six months. All of these properties will be up for monetization once they are returned to the government.

The government was trying to monetise properties of the AI earlier also. However, it failed to generate much interest. For instance, the government's effort to sell its Nariman Point building couldn't succeed. Officials said in the last three-four years, the government had listed many properties worth ₹2,000 crore for auction. However, it succeeded in getting nearly ₹738 crore from selling real estate assets. Besides, the government had to cut their valuation by 10% to attract buyers. Valuation was cut because of weak market sentiment and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Major properties also include the AI's commercial complex at Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi, spread across 2.5 acres, The AI's Unity Complex Building in Chennai is spread over 3 acres and a property in Anna Salai at Teynampet is spread over 1.5 acres. The AI also possesses a large tract of property measuring around 25,617 sq feet in Bengaluru and staff quarter land measuring around 16,000 square feet in Ahmedabad.

EXPRESS READ

RSS takes stock of NEP implementation

New Delhi: The Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh (RSS) functionaries on Tuesday took stock of the implementation of the National Education Policy. The two-day meeting among various RSS affiliates working in the field of education will get a detailed presentation on the progress made in the NEP rollout. These RSS affiliates have in the past held discussions on NEP, while monitoring the progress on its implementation. They are likely to be briefed by the education minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Amarinder to launch own party

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FORMER Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh is floating his own political party. He may enter into an alliance with BJP, but that will depend on the satisfactory resolution of the three farm laws. Also, his new outfit will tie up with like-minded parties such as Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukat).

Talking to this newspaper over phone from Delhi, Amarinder said, "In the coming days I am forming my own political party to serve the interests of Punjab and its people and we can have an alliance with BJP. But it will only happen if the farmers' issue is sorted out in the farmers' interest. I am confident this should be resolved soon. Besides the seating sharing with BJP, we will also have tie-ups with like-minded parties such as the Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukat). I will not rest until I secure the future of my people and my state. Punjab needs political stability and protection from internal and external threats. I promise my people I will do what it takes to ensure its peace and security, which is today at stake. The battle for Punjab's future is on."

Asked what will be the name of his outfit, Amarinder remarked, "You will soon come to know about it." On how many seats his party will fight in the upcoming elections, Amarinder said they will fight in all Assembly seats. On how many seats will be given to BJP and SAD (Sanyukat), he said, "It is too early to say."

Amarinder had announced he would be leaving Congress and also said that he will not be joining BJP. SAD (Sanyukat) was recently formed by senior 'rebel' SAD leader Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa and Ranjit Singh Brahmpura. Dhindsa is the president of this party, Brahmpura is the patron. Dhindsa had indicated that his party could think of an alliance if Amarinder floats his political party.

Amarinder is on a third trip to the national capital since he reigned as Punjab Chief Minister on September 18. He had met Union home minister Amit Shah and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval last month.

COVID WATCH

States told to expedite second dose coverage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Centre, in a review of Covid-19 vaccination on Tuesday, told the states that a large number of beneficiaries due for second doses are missing out on them. The states were told to urge them to complete the vaccine schedule.

Nearly 99 crore doses of vaccines have been administered in the country, even though the pace of vaccination in October has come down dramatically after a surge since the last week of August.

In the review meeting, Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan underlined that many states have adequate doses to inoculate those awaiting second doses. "The Centre is in a position to provide additional vaccine doses to the states so that they can complete full vaccinations," said a statement by the health ministry. "They were also exhorted to improve the momentum and accelerate the drive."

So far, more than 102 crore vaccine doses have been provided to states through Central supplies and through direct state procurement. Till Tuesday morning, over 10.42 crore balance and unutilised vaccine doses were still available with the states.

Bhushan, meanwhile, also advised state authorities to identify and prioritise districts with low coverage of vaccination for focused action. This, he said, could be done through mobilisation efforts, addressing local challenges, setting up additional vaccination centres and improving access in rural and remote areas.

The Union health ministry, from time to time, has been sharing various SOPs over the last one year for international travel and officials said that they are in the process of reviewing the guidelines in consultation with all the stakeholders for updating the guidelines.

HEALTH

Tobacco tax guidelines under lens of expert group

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Union health ministry has set up an expert group to review the taxation policy for tobacco products, taking into account its implications on public health.

The panel has been tasked with developing a proposal for comprehensive tax policy for tobacco products that will be crucial for the pricing policy of these products ahead of the 2022-23 Union budget.

Apart from senior bureaucrats in the health ministry, representatives from Niti Aayog, GST Council, WHO India National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and a health economist are also members of the group.

The panel will analyse the existing tax structure for all forms of tobacco and develop a roadmap for tobacco tax policy and recommend immediate steps to make India MPOWER compliant. MPOWER is an acronym of six measurable and proven tobacco-demand reduction measures and includes bans on smoking in public places and tobacco advertising as well as taxes that amount to 70% of the retail price of cigarettes.

Cong-RJD tussle leaves Bihar coalition uncertain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ALL is not well between the major constituents of the Mahagatvandhan (grand sllinace) — RJD and Congress — party in Bihar right now. A break-up seems inevitable after the results of by-elections.

Congress has accused RJD of colluding with BJP indirectly. RJD has accused Congress of going against a coalition partner in the by-elections.

Bhakat Charan Das, incharge of Bihar Congress, said RJD is playing a game with Congress and colluding with another party (referring to BJP) against which both had come together in the Mahagatvandhan.

"When RJD doesn't need the support of 19 Congress MLAs, it means the RJD is trying to get the support of a party against which political ideologies of the Mahagatvandhan was formed," Das alleged.

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav during by-election campaign in Tarapur on Tuesday | PTI

Congress had fielded candidates in the Kusheshwarasthan and Tarapur Assembly seats against RJD and the ruling JD-U. In the last election, Kusheshwarasthan was under the Congress quota and its candidate had lost by a small margin. This time, RJD decided to field candidates in both of these seats. By-elections are happening because JD-U MLA in these two places have died.

RJD said Congress had lost in Kusheshwarasthan because of its poor political footholds. But the grand old party remains adamant on this seat and finally when negotiations failed to break the impasse, decided to contest both seats.

Reacting to the RJD's decision, the Bihar Congress incharge said the political coalition between RJD and Congress has come to an end in the by-elections. "The RJD has forgotten to follow the 'gatvandhandharma' (coalition ethics) with the Congress, even though these two parties are the bigger constituents of the grand alliance in Bihar," Das said.

Senior RJD leader and MP Manoj Jha said that Congress should not teach RJD lessons in 'coalition-dharma'.

India's R value below 1 since Sept

Mumbai: India's R-value, which reflects how rapidly the coronavirus pandemic is spreading, has remained below 1 since September, suggesting that the infection rate is declining, according to a study. The Reproduction number or R refers to how many people an infected person infects on an average. An R-value below 1 means the disease is spreading slowly. If R is greater than 1, the number of infected people is increasing in each round. The bigger the number than 1, the faster the rate of spreading. According to figures calculated by researchers of the Chennai-based Institute of Mathematical Sciences, the R-value of top 10 states with most number of active cases was below 1 till October 18. However, some of the cities continue to show a rising number of active cases. Kolkata and Bengaluru have an R-value of over 1,

DRAGON WATCH

'China has increased troop level in LAC eastern sector'

MAYANK SINGH @ Rupa (Arunachal)

CONSEQUENT to the Chinese breach of agreements along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh, India is reviewing its future responses at the higher level, suggested Lt Gen MK Pande. He also said that China has increased its troop levels on its sides in the Eastern Sector in the depth areas and not gone back.

Replying to a question from this newspaper, the Commander in Chief of Indian Army's Eastern Command said, "Strategic guidance in terms of dealing with the situation on the LAC is to respect the mutually agreed protocols and agreements, and that has been our effort, notwithstanding what has been the action or response from the other side. Consequent to what happened and what we need to do in the future, is something I reckon is being looked at at a higher level."

In May 2020, China moved large number of troops at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh after a clash between the two sides at Finger 4 along the North Bank of Pangong Tso. The stand-off spread to Galwan, Gogra, Hotspring and South Bank of Pangong Tso. Tensions flared and this led to bloody clashes at Galwan which led to the death of 20 Indian soldiers and at least four from the Chinese side.

Speaking on the force accretion by PLA in Eastern Ladakh, Lt Gen Pande said there has been focus on conducting integrated exercises. "Annual training exercise which the PLA carries out has increased in depth. Some of the reserve formations mobilised by PLA have continued to remain in operational depth."

A length of 1,346 kilometers which includes Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh, lies in the Eastern sector which is looked after by the Indian Army's Eastern Command. There are several areas of differing perception where face-offs take place. "We have robust mechanisms like hotlines, border personnel beetings which have worked well so far," said Lt Gen Pande.

Adding to the mechanism of communication and resolution along the LAC, a fourth hotline has been added recently. This hotline has been operationalised recently at North Sikkim. The other three under the Eastern Command are at Kibithu, Bum La and Nathu La.

COAL STOCK IMPROVES

The coal stock situation at thermal power projects has improved further as the number of non-pit head projects having less than four days of coal reduced to 58 on Monday from 69 a week ago, government data showed

3 HELD IN JAMMU FOR DRUG SMUGGLING

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	21	Mumbai	35	24
Bhopal	34	20	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	30	19	Patna	30	23
Amritsar	32	18	Lucknow	29	23
Chennai	35	27	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	30	25	Imphal	28	20
Srinagar	21	05	Chandigarh	32	18

Kushinagar's hour of reckoning

The Buddhist pilgrimage hub is set to enter aviation map with PM inaugurating airport today

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

KUSHINAGAR International Airport, an endeavour to connect Buddhist pilgrimage sites around the world, is slated to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday.

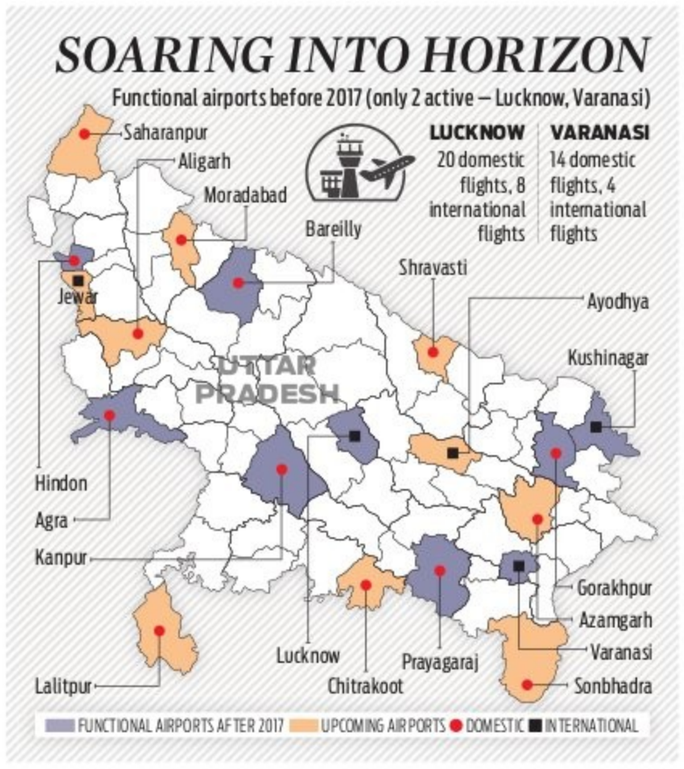
Kushinagar, considered to be comparatively a backward district in Gorakhpur division, when linked to international flights, is expected to bring about a huge surge in tourism and the earnings of the people of eastern UP.

The international airports are already functional at Lucknow and PM Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi. By 2024, UP is likely to become the only state in the country with five international airports. Ayodhya Airport will also become functional by 2022 and Jewar by 2024.

Kushinagar is the place of Buddha's 'Mahaparinirvana' (salvation). With international air connectivity, it will become easily accessible for Buddhist pilgrims across the globe. On February 23, the DGCA issued a licence for international flights to Kushinagar Airport which will be the third licenced international airport of UP and the country's 87th.

The inauguration of Kushinagar International Airport is being marked by the landing of the inaugural flight from Colombo, Sri Lanka. The flight is carrying a Sri Lankan delegation of over 100 Buddhist monks and dignitaries including the 12-member holy relic entourage bringing the holy Buddha relics for exposition.

The delegation has five ministers of the Lankan government led by cabinet minister Namal Rajapakshe.



Built at an estimated cost of ₹260 crore, Kushinagar Airport will serve nearby districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It is expected to give a fillip to investment and employment opportunities in the region.

Kushinagar International Airport has the longest runway of 3.2km length in the state. It is 45-metre wide. The airport has the capacity for four arrivals and four departures of flights per hour. It also has a 3,600 square metre interim passenger building.

As per immigration bureau records, there has been a footfall to the tune of 42 lakh tourists in Kushinagar from 18 Buddhist countries in the past five years. "After international air connectivity, tourism will increase by 20%," said AK Dwivedi, director, Kushinagar International Airport.

Significantly, the other two international airports functional in Uttar Pradesh are Lucknow's Chaudhury Charan Singh Airport and Varanasi's Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport. While Chaudhury Charan Singh Airport is connected to 29 destinations and five countries, Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport is connected with 16 destinations and two countries.

Floods and landslides were reported in both plain and hill areas of the state in the last three days | PTI

Rain-hit Uttarakhand stares at damages beyond repair

VINEET UPHADYAY @ Dehradun

PURAN Singh Sijwali (39), a farmer from Bakrigod village near Joelikote in Nainital, has lost his house, farm and livestock. In many places in Uttarakhand, it will take a lifetime to rebuild life from the scratch.

"A lot of land has been washed away along with our crops ready for harvest. This included paddy, vegetables and livestock. Our house is damaged beyond repair. It took 28 years to build all of this," said Sijwali, who has been moved to a safer location in Haldwani of Nainital district.

The state government is yet to assess the damages suffered by farmers. With the ongoing harvest season of paddy, a majority of the farmers had either started harvesting or were planning to do so in a day or two before the rains arrived with unprecedented fury.

Vijay Singh, another farmer from Chhoti Haldwani village also known as Corbett village, said, "I was planning to start on October 18, but little did I know it will all be gone. We had planned our Diwali and year ahead based on the produce we planned to sell. Now our Diwali will be as dark as one can only imagine."

Business owners, shopkeepers and people have suffered damages to their properties and possessions. Their lives have been thrown in disarray.

Sandeep K Pandey, who runs a chain of shops which supplies homemade flavoured salts, said, "Tonnes of salt got dissolved as the shops in the hills are flooded. Hundreds of people have been sheltered at Kakrighat including some children. Roads have been washed away measuring in kilometers. It will take months to recuperate and rebuild. This is worse than 2013 for Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar districts."

Plight of the senior citizens, pregnant women, sick and those with other medical conditions have got worse as hundreds of villages remain cut off due to incidents of landslides which have blocked connecting roads in Kumaon hills.

Exodus from Kashmir on despite security upgrade

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

EVEN as security has been beefed up across the Valley after recent targetted killings, the non-local migrant workers continued to leave Kashmir and on Tuesday.

The non-local workers have been leaving in J&K Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) buses, as well as in taxis and trains from Srinagar to Jammu.

At least 12 civilians including five non-local workers (four from Bihar and one from UP), three minority community members and four local Muslims have been shot dead by militants in valley in October.

Inam-ul-Haq of Uttardinajpur, from West Bengal, said, workers including him were living in fear after the killing of non locals.

In view of non-local workers leaving the Valley, the authorities have increased security at Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) Srinagar, where from JKRTC bus and cabs leave for the valley and Nowgam station. The security men have also increased patrolling and frisking of vehicles and commuters in Srinagar and other parts of the valley.

Another workerfrom Bihar said the other day the contractor for whom he was working cleared all his dues and told him to return to their homes. "Adhering to his advice, we left the valley," he said.

Meanwhile, workers of a little known political group Nationalist People's Front (NPF) staged a protest in Srinagar against the killings.

"We are protesting against civilian killings. We are also protesting against the killing of non-locals and teachers. It is an attempt to defame Jammu and Kashmir and create communal tension in the Valley. We want the government to independently probe the killings to unearth the conspiracy and identify unidentified gunmen involved in the killings," said an NPF activist.

Poonch operation continues

Army operation against the militants hiding in the forests of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir continued for the ninth day on Tuesday while police has asked the locals in the area to stay indoors

Fuel price: Assam BJP chief endorses tripling on two-wheelers

Guwahati: Assam BJP chief Bhabesh Kalita said tripling on two-wheelers would be allowed when the price of petrol goes up to ₹200 a litre in the state. "Three persons will be allowed to ride a two-wheeler after the price of petrol rises to ₹200 a litre in the state. However, permission has to be obtained from the government," Kalita was quoted as saying by the local media. He purportedly made the bizarre statement at an event at Tamulpur here. He is a former minister who was appointed as the state BJP president in June this year. Meanwhile, Bobbeeta Sharma, Assam Congress's media chief reminded Kalita of the protests which the BJP had staged as an opposition party when petrol prices were way below ₹100 a litre.

MP ANNOUNCES ₹20K CR POWER SUBSIDY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh government on Tuesday decided to render over ₹20,000 crore subsidy in electricity rates to domestic and agricultural consumers for 2021-22 financial year. Chaired by chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the virtual meeting of the state cabinet cleared the decks for the scheme for domestic consumers, under which, a maximum bill of ₹100 will be payable up to the first 100 units on monthly consumption of up to 150 units.

As for the SC/ST below poverty line (BPL) domestic consumers, whose monthly electricity consumption doesn't exceed 30 units, ₹100 will be payable on four monthly basis at the rate of ₹25 per month.

The cabinet also decided to provide relief in electricity rates to agricultural consumers. A flat rate of ₹750 per horsepower annually will be payable by the consumers of meter-less permanent agricultural pump of capacity up to 10 horsepower.

A flat rate of ₹1,500 per horsepower per year will be payable by the consumer of a meter-less permanent agricultural pump with a capacity of more than 10 horsepower. Energy charges, fuel charges and fixed charges will be waived off on permanent and temporary metered agricultural pump combinations.

Further, free electricity will be provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe agricultural consumers of up to 5 horsepower having land up to one hectare. Energy charges and annual minimum charges will be waived off for high pressure lift/group irrigation consumers. In another decision, the state cabinet also approved the 'Mukhya Mantri Ration Aapke Dwar' scheme to ensure proper ration supply for poor tribal families in every village in 74 tribal dominated blocks of 16 districts.

The scheme which will be implemented from next month in the tribal development blocks (except in those blocks where model code of conduct is in force due to by-elections) will benefit tribal families in 7,511 villages.

The days of each month will be fixed by the respective district collector for distribution of ration supply across the state.

COAL MAFIA

Activists in Meghalaya get threat calls

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

TWO Meghalaya activists, who survived a brutal attack from the coal mafia in 2018, received threat calls from a person for reporting about two illegal coal-laden trucks which were found releasing acidic water.

The duo, Agnes Kharshiing and Amita Sangma, lodged an FIR with the police, stating that they had received the threat calls on October 17.

As per the FIR, "The person also called Amita Sangma. He told her that he wanted her to release the trucks which belonged to his friend. He started the conversation by saying that he knows her son."

Agnes, 61, who is the chief of an NGO, Civil Society Women Organisation, said, "We have shared the person's phone number with the police. If they want, they can easily nab him."

Both have been under police protection since the 2018 attack on them near an illegal coal mine site in East Jaintia Hills.

"Scientific coal mining is not feasible in Meghalaya. You have to go 500 feet down to find coal. The day is not far off when Meghalaya will witness volcanic eruptions," she said.

EXPRESS READ

Khadse vs Khadse fight in Maharashta coop poll

Mumbai: BJP MP from Raver Lok Sabha constituency Raksha Khadse who is daughter-in-law of the NCP leader Eknath Khadse has been field her nomination against the NCP nominee Rohini Khadse, daughter of Eknath Khadse in the Jalgaon District Cooperative bank elections. NCP leader Eknath Khadse who a few months ago left the BJP and joined the NCP along with his daughter Rohini Khadse. However, Khadse's daughter-in-law Rohini Khadse who is a BJP MP, remained in the party.

Violence mars Milad-Un-Nabi processions in four districts of MP

Police fire teargas shells on Muslims during clashes in Jabalpur on Tuesday | PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

VIOLENCE erupted during Eid-Milad-Un-Nabi processions (most of them taken without permission) in at least four districts of Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday, injuring over 20 persons, including cops and a little girl. Violence was reported from Jabalpur, Dhar, Barwani and Khargone districts.

In Jabalpur, violence was reported from the communally sensitive Machhali Market locality under Gohalpur police station area at around 5 pm, after local residents were returning from a mosque after offering prayers.

Despite prohibitory orders being in place in the sensitive area, a group of men started playing loud DJ music in the area, on which the on duty cops directed them to stop playing the music and leave the area.

But instead of abiding by the police directions, the mob present at the spot seeing the cops approach for confiscating the sound equipment, first hurled burning crackers on the police force and later pelted stones on the cops. The on duty cops resorted to cane charge and fired tear gas shells to disperse the violent mob. At least six police personnel and local residents were reportedly hurt in the attack by the mob.

According to Jabalpur SP Siddharth Bahuguna, "the police personnel used tear gas shells and mild force to disperse the mob, after the mob became violent. We're in the process of identifying the anti-social elements who indulged in violence and suitable legal action will follow suit."

J&K govt inks MoU with Dubai

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the government of Dubai aimed at developing the industrial sector and various business enterprises in the Union Territory. The MoU is the first investment agreement by a foreign government in the state after the scrapping of Articles 370 and 35A, which granted special status and special privileges to J&K residents, and bifurcation of J&K state by the Centre on August 5, 2019. The MoU aims at developing including industrial & IT parks, multi-purpose towers, logistics, medical colleges, super speciality hospitals, etc.

SRINAGAR DIARY

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Srinagar airport to commence int'l flights from Oct 23

International flight operations would commence at the Srinagar airport with the first service to Sharjah, UAE on October 23. The operation of flights to Sharjah, UAE from Srinagar airport would come as a major relief to travellers intending to fly to the Emirates. Many Jammu and Kashmir residents are working in UAE or running their business there. 'Go First', formerly Go Air, will start flights between Srinagar and Sharjah and it will operate the first flight to Sharma from Srinagar on Saturday at 8:25 pm and it is expected to land in Dubai at 11:25 pm. All necessary arrangements have been put in place at Srinagar airport for operation of flights between Srinagar and Sharjah. The arrangements have been put in place to conduct PCR tests at airport for the international passengers.

Rollout of first dose vaccination complete

The Jammu and Kashmir has completed the rollout of the first dose Covid vaccination for all above 18 years of age group across all 20 districts. As per the government figures, an estimated population of 93,03,842 souls was covered during the vaccination drives which was seen as a hard task keeping in view the topography of Jammu and Kashmir. Kashmir was the first place in the country to start door-to-door vaccination campaign in the difficult terrain and far flung and remote areas. The healthcare workers travelled on foot to mountains and forest area to achieve 100 per cent vaccination mark.

Cyber police busts KYC fraud gang

Cyber police authorities in the state busted a KYC (Know Your Customer) gang by arresting two men for defrauding people through fake calls and messages. A cyber police official said the investigation revealed that the arrested duo for illegal monetary gains, connived with non-local cyber criminals operating out of UP, Bihar and elsewhere. The arrested, according to police, was found to have created dozens of bank accounts and have provided them with their ATM cards to the co-accused. Most of the bank accounts were created in name of destitute women from South Kashmir and Srinagar, who were provided monetary benefits by the arrested.

98 women
became the first female judges to join Egypt's State Council on Tuesday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	22	15	HR	Los Angeles	30	17	SNY
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	13	7	LR
Dhaka	30	26	TDS	Moscow	6	5	LR
Dubai	40	31	SNY	New York	25	18	SNY
Houston	38	25	SNY	Singapore	31	27	LC
Istanbul	30	20	SNY	Toronto	22	19	LC
London	20	10	LC	Washington	27	18	LC

China slams brakes on economic reforms

BEIJING

AFTER taking a series of measures to shake up industries in a bid to make the economy less dependent on debt, monopolies, and fossil fuel, Beijing is now slowly dialing back on its reforms that appear to have hit the citizens hard, *Bloomberg* reported.

While the reform push was intended to punish China's corporate elites, it was the ordinary citizens who had to bear the pain in the form of higher bills and fewer jobs, *Bloomberg* report says.

The reform push has come under scrutiny amid the Evergrande debt crisis and the power shortage of the past few weeks.

Last week, *Bloomberg* reported that the country's financial regulators told banks to accelerate mortgage approvals to ease the pain of the real estate sector.

Evergrande's liquidity crisis came as the country's property sector found itself under tightened scrutiny after regulators announced caps for three different debt ratios in a scheme dubbed "three red lines" last year. Evergrande has been squeezed by new limits imposed as part of the Communist Party's campaign to reduce reliance on debt.

Economists have been warning China's rising debt is a potential threat for more than a decade. The ruling party has made reducing such financial risks a priority since 2018.

Analysts say in light of the next year's Communist Party Congress, Xi does not want an economic downturn or public unrest to pose a threat to his grip on power.

"Xi has a low tolerance for outcomes that directly cause a lot of ordinary Chinese to suffer because that would create serious risks to political stability and party legitimacy," Neil Thomas, Eurasia Group's analyst for China and Northeast Asia, told Bloomberg News.

Weakening economic growth is likely to put pressure on Beijing to cut the pace of the reform drive. The world's second-largest economy grew by a weaker-than-expected 4.9% over a year ago in the three months ending in September.

Do not fear, Hindu brothers and sisters. Sheikh Hasina and the Awami League are with you. Sheikh Hasina's government is a minority-friendly government
Obaidul Quader, Awami League General Secretary

The Comilla incident is being investigated. What really happened can be known soon
Khandker Anwarul Islam, Cabinet Secretary

Activists stage a demonstration in Dhaka on Tuesday | AFP

Bangladesh police arrest 450 over religious unrest

PM Shiekh Hasina directs home minister to take strict action against those responsible; ruling party holds march supporting Hindus

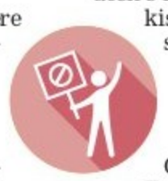
DHAKA

POLICE in Bangladesh said on Tuesday more than 450 people have been arrested over mob attacks on Hindu temples and houses since last Wednesday.

"A total of 71 cases were filed and so far 450 people were arrested. The figure of cases and arrests could rise as a manhunt is underway to track down the culprits who are on the run to evade justice," a police spokesman said.

It comes as country's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina instructed her home minister to initiate immediate action against those who incited violence using religion as she asked the people not to trust anything on social media without fact-checking.

The foreign ministry said in a statement that domestic elements that opposed Bangladesh's independence from Pakistan 50 year ago were still propagating their "toxic narratives to instigate violence, hatred and bigotry'.



During the weekly Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, Prime Minister Hasina instructed Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan to initiate immediate action against those who incited violence using religion, Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam was quoted as saying by the Dhaka Tribune newspaper.

Prime Minister Hasina, who joined the meeting through video conferencing from her official residence, also urged the people of the country not to trust anything on social media without fact-checking, he added.

She has instructed the home ministry to remain vigilant and take steps to prevent such incidents from recurring, Islam said.

Local media reported that six Hindus were killed in separate attacks, but the figures could not be confirmed independently. The ruling Awami League party organised 'harmony rallies' and took out peace processions across the country. *PTI*

Envoy who helped craft US's Afghan deal resigns

WASHINGTON

ZALMAY Khalilzad, the veteran US envoy whose months of patient hotel-ballroom diplomacy helped end the US war in Afghanistan but failed to prevent a Taliban takeover, resigned on Monday.

In a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Khalilzad defended his record but acknowledged that he came up short and said he wanted to step aside during the "new phase of our Afghanistan policy."

"The political arrangement between the Afghan government and the Taliban did not go forward as envisaged," he wrote. "The reasons for this are too complex."

Born in Afghanistan, the dapper 70-year-old academic turned US diplomat took senior positions as part of the inner circle of former president George W Bush, becoming the US ambassador to Kabul and then Baghdad and the United Nations.

As former president Donald Trump itched to end America's longest war in Afghanistan, he brought back Khalilzad, who led exhaustive talks with the Taliban. Those talks led to a February 2020 agreement in which US troops would leave the following year.

But peace negotiations between the Taliban and the leadership in Kabul failed to gain traction, and the government that the United States built over the next 20 years crumbled within days as American troops left.

AFP

ASIA MATTERS

SRI LANKA

Draft Constitution to be ready by early 2022: Foreign min

The draft of Sri Lanka's new Constitution has been completed and is expected to be ready for Parliament's approval by early 2022, Foreign Minister G L Peiris said. As pledged by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, he has appointed a panel of experts to formulate the draft. "This draft has now been completed and will be sent to the Legal Draftsman," he said, hoping the final draft would be available by the new year. He did not elaborate on the form of the new Constitution.

NEPAL

Nepal Foreign Minister holds talks with Chinese counterpart

Nepal Foreign Minister Narayan Khadka on Tuesday held a telephonic conversation with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi with a focus on further ramping up bilateral relations, including Covid-19 vaccine cooperation and border management.

PAKISTAN

Pak may remain on FATF 'grey list' till next session

Pakistan may remain on the grey list of the FATF till the global money laundering and terror financing watchdog meets for its next session in April 2022. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) will be in session for three days from October 19-21 and it is expected that Tuesday's session may be informed that Pakistan is still short of meeting the FATF criterion, according to a report in The News International. The global body's decision on putting Pakistan off the 'grey list' may be taken in April.

TALIBAN TO REWARD BOMBERS WHO ATTACKED US FORCES

KABUL

THE Taliban have promised plots of land to relatives of suicide bombers who attacked US and Afghan soldiers, in a provocative gesture that seems to run counter to their efforts to court international support.

The Taliban's acting interior minister, Sirajuddin Haqqani, offered the reward to dozens of family members of bombers gathered at a Kabul hotel, Interior Ministry spokesman Saeed Khosty tweeted on Tuesday.

Addressing the gathering Monday evening, Haqqani praised the sacrifices of "martyrs and fedayeen," referring to fighters killed in suicide attacks, Khosty tweeted.

Haqqani called them "heroes of Islam and the country," according to the spokesman. At the end of the meeting, he distributed 10,000 afghanis ($112) per family and promised each a plot of land. Khosty posted photos of Haqqani, his face blurred, embracing the relatives in a packed auditorium.

Sirajuddin Haqqani

The event comes as the Taliban attempt to open diplomatic channels with an international community largely reluctant to formally recognise their rule in Afghanistan. The promise of rewards for suicide bombings signals conflicting approaches within the Taliban leadership. They are trying to position themselves as responsible rulers, who promise security for all and have condemned suicide attacks by their rivals, the militant Islamic State group. On the other hand, they praise such tactics when it comes to their followers.

The Taliban cannot afford to alienate the US, which froze billions of dollars in Afghan assets in US accounts in line with international sanctions protocols. At the same time, the Taliban cannot afford to lose their hard-line base, especially in the wake of a growing IS threat. *PTI*

BACK HOME SAFE

A man hugs a relative after being released from Insein Prison in Yangon on Tuesday. He is among the more than 5,600 people whom the Myanmar junta freed under an amnesty for those arrested for protesting military rule | AFP

2 marathons a day for 52 days! Can you finish this race?

NEW YORK

IT'S the world's longest certified foot race: a 3,100-mile (4,988 km) run that takes participants around the same New York block 5,649 times.

Thousands of people have climbed Everest — but, organisers say, just 49 have completed the Sri Chinmoy Self-Transcendence 3,100 Mile Race. Runners finish more than two marathons a day for almost two months, on less than five hours sleep a night.

They can't rely on changing scenery to keep them motivated as the route is a half-mile loop on a concrete sidewalk around a high school in Jamaica, Queens. "Definitely monotony," said this year's winner, Andrea Marcato. "The first week is quite challenging, especially for the mind. But after a while you get used to it," he said.

Participants have 52 days to run 3,100 miles meaning they must average 59.6 miles (96 km) every day. They run, walk and hobble between 6.00 am and midnight, eating as they go to make up for the estimated 10,000 calories they burn during every session. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Man sanctioned for Uighur abuse to head Communist Party in Tibet

Beijing : China's ruling Communist Party has appointed Wang Junzheng, sanctioned by the United States, Britain, EU and Canada for his alleged role in the human rights violations against Uygur Muslims in Xinjiang, as the head of its party unit in the sensitive Himalayan region of Tibet. Wang Junzheng has been appointed as secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Tibet Autonomous Regional Committee, replacing Wu Yingjie, state-run Xinhua news agency reported on Tuesday. Wang, 58, became China's highest-ranking official to be sanctioned in March over accusations of human rights violations during his tenure as Xinjiang's deputy party secretary and security chief, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client my client **Mr.D.K.Ramesh** and Others intends to Purchase **Item No.I :** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Old Sy No.13, New Sy No.30, situated at Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 30 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the
East by : Road and Kottanur Boundary;
West by : Land bearing Sy No.13;
North by : Land bearing Sy No.13;
South by : Land bearing Sy No.31;
Item No.II : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Old Sy No.14, New Sy No.31, situated at Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the
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North by : Land bearing Sy No.30;
South by : Land bearing Sy No.32;
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CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUN KUMAR M** S/o **Kempanna**., Aged About 33 Years, R/at Begur, B K Halli Post, Bengaluru North-562149, have changed my name to **ARUN KUMAR M K** vide affidavit dated:12/10/2021 Before Notary **H.Prakasha** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JANSI PERIYANAYAGAM,** R/at No. 36, B-Block, Gangman Quarters, Murpy Town, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560 008, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JANSI** to **JANSI PERIYANAYAGAM,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **JANSI PERIYANAYAGAM** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19-10-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. Biligiri. C aged about 36 years R/at House No. 204, Anjinappa building, near Ashwini Hospital, Nelagadaranahalli, Nagasandra post, Bengaluru-560073 do hereby solemnly declare that, in my P.F. (PF UAN No.: 100153768154) my name is wrongly mentioned as Girisha but my real name is **Biligiri. C**
I am swearing this affidavit dated 13-10-2021 sworn before Notary Gangambike H.S., Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **N R MANJUNATHA,** S/o. **RAMASWAMAPPA,** aged about 44 years, R/at No. 95, Neeleri, Ward No-10, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural-562110, hereby declared that in my passport documents my Father name is wrongly mentioned as **RAMASWAMY NEELERI** intead of **RAMASWAMAPPA,** vide affidavit dated:12.10.2021 before Notary **H. Prakasha,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 16132895P SPR NAVEENKUMAR.R. OF UNIT KAN COY, TRG BN-I, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE-560042, have changed my Brother name from **R. CHINNA KAMAN** to **CHINNAKAMAN.R.** vide affidavit Dated 18.10.2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHWINI AKSHAY WALE**, aged about 29 years, W/o Akshay Chandrashekar Wale Present Add- No. 79/B, 5th Main, Gruhlaxmi layout, Cauvery Road, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore-79 & Permanent Add- A Ward, C S No.2018/kh/2, Rajarampuri, 2nd lane, Kolhapur-416008, Have changed my name from **SHAVAKKA SHIDDALINGESHWAR BANNIGOL** to **ASHWINI AKSHAY WALE** vide affidavit dated 12.10.2021, sworn to before Notary Natesh.D Bengaluru-21.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TEJAKUMAR.**, R/at Dt-10, SVS Ananda Nilayam, Yarraiahna Palya Road, Ramamurthynagar, Bangalore- 560016, have changed my name to **TEJA KUMAR.S (SEETHARAMA NAIDU)** vide affidavit dated: 19/10/2021 Before Notary **B.M. Chandrashekar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MARIA ANAND, Aged about 54 years, W/o. J L ANANDA RAO R/at #62, 1st Floor, 7th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madivala, Bangalore - 560068, Karnataka, India, shall henceforth be known as **MARIE ROSE DSOUZA** vide Affidavit Dated 19/10/2021, before notary B M CHANDRASHEKAR, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MAHALAKSHMI KUMAR, R/at Brigade Omega, C-208, Sy.No.23/1, 80 ft Road, BSK 6th Stage, 1st Block, Subramanyapuram, Thurahalli, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru-560062 have changed my name to **MAHALAKSHMI CHEZAIN** vide Affidavit dated 16.10.2021, sworn to before Notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **N R MANJUNATHA** husband of **UMADEVI R.** R/at No. 95, Nileri Ward No-10, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural-562110, hereby declared that in my passport documents my wife name is wrongly mentioned as **UMA DEVI MANJUNATHA** instead of **UMADEVI R,** vide affidavit dt:12.10.2021 beforer Notary **H. Prakasha,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Poojasharma, D/o. Suresh Kumar, aged about 22 years, Residing at No.64(2), 4th Block Kodungaiyur, Kannadasan nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600118, have changed my name from '**DEVIBALASHARMA SURESHKUMAR**' to '**POOJA SHARMA**', Vide Affidavit dated 13.10.2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary R.S.Vijay Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GIDEON FRANCIS, S/o. FRANCIS KUMAR, residing at No. 1, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Basava Colony Extension, Bauxite Road, Belgaum Nehru Nagar Post, Belagavi-590010 Karnataka India, have changed my name from **GIDEON @ GIDEON KUMAR @ GIDEON FRANCIS KUMAR** to **GIDEON FRANCIS,** vide affidavit, Dated: 18/10/2021, sworn before Notary Public, N. NAGAPPA, Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **GIDEON FRANCIS,** for all future purpose.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **MADAN GOPAL S P**, S/o Puttaraju S.G., age 40 years, R/at Chithaary Kamala Apartment, Flat No. 102, No.25, 13th Cross, 11th Main, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **MADAN GOPAL S P** and **MADAN GOPAL SIDDLAGATTA PUTTARAJU** are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MADAN GOPAL S P** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th October 2021 sworn before Advocate and Notary **A.S. VISHWANATHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B.G. JYOTHI,** aged 47 years, W/o Shri M. Jagadeesha, residing at # 39, 3rd Cross, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Behind Kirloskar Colony, MHR Layout, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560090, India (Aadhaar Card No. 4502 0127 4038) have changed my name from **B.G. JYOTILAXMI** to **B.G. JYOTHI,** vide affidavit dated 18/10/2021 duly sworn to before **Sri Ramasanjeevaiah K.V.,** Notary, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAMESH KUMAR G., S/o. Genaram, R/@ No.30/1 RADHA NIVAS, Mahanta Layout, K.G. Nagar, Bengaluru-560019, India, have changed my name from **RAMESH KUMAR G.** to **RAJ CHOUDHARY,** vide affidavit, dated: 12/10/2021, sworn before Notary Public, G.P. Chaya, Bangalore.

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Market Watch

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LIC IPO: Valuation a major stumbling block

Govt aims listing by the 4th quarter of this fiscal; no final decision on valuation may delay the process, say experts

ANURADHA SHUKLA AND DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

EVEN when the government is pushing hard to list the initial public offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) by the fourth quarter, experts claim that arriving at exact valuation is proving to be a stumbling block and may delay the process further.

"LIC is not just another public sector enterprise. It is a huge company and the biggest challenge is to arrive at its valuation, which is must for the IPO. The company has not been technically valued and despite two three meetings the government is yet to sort valuation issue. It is only after that pricing and size of share sale can be decided. Despite all the efforts from the government side these technical aspects make it difficult to come up with the IPO in this fiscal year," a top executive of one of the merchant bankers of the LIC told *TNIE*.

The executive added that LIC was exempted from disclosing its Embedded Value (EV) and arriving at it is a comprehensive exercise in terms of ownership structure, product mix, profitability sharing structure, agency model, and also huge land banks and real estate assets, apart from restructuring of its balance sheet through reevaluation. And the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), which is the nodal agency for the job, accepted that the task is complex.

EMBEDDED VALUE A COMPREHENSIVE TASK

LIC was exempted from disclosing its embedded value and arriving at it is a comprehensive exercise in terms of ownership structure, product mix, profitability sharing structure, and also land banks

"Nothing on Embedded Value yet. It's a very complex thing, and we won't be able to make any guesstimates," Tuhin Kanta Pande, Secretary, DIPAM, told *TNIE*. The government is parallelly working on DRHP and they hope to come out with the draft paper by December.

"LIC IPO we are planning in the last quarter. We have advisors, merchant bankers and legal advisors are in place. EY is already helping LIC to shift to new software and working out new models required for embedded value (EV). Reporting actuary -- Milliman Advisors is also there. They are working out the EV, which is required as per the regulators," Pande added.

To facilitate the listing of LIC, the government earlier this year made 27 amendments to the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs had in July cleared the initial public offering proposal of LIC. The government has already appointed 10 merchant bankers for the transaction. "The problem is not that we don't want it or we are pussyfooting on it now, it is more a question of doing the due process," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said two days ago.

ASIANOMICS

AFGHANISTAN

AFGHANISTAN'S ECONOMY IS SET TO CONTRACT UP TO 30%

Afghanistan's gross domestic product could see a contraction of up to 30% following the Taliban takeover, the IMF said in its latest regional economic report. These shocks could cause a 20-30% output contraction, with falling imports, a depreciating Afghani, and accelerating inflation," the report said. Jihad Azour, director of the IMF's Middle East and Central Asia department, said the country's situation was deteriorating, even before Kabul fell and this is likely to further fuel a refugee crisis that will impact neighbouring countries, Turkey and Europe, the International Monetary Fund said on Tuesday. "The resulting drop in living standards threatens to push millions into poverty and could lead to a humanitarian crisis." The report also noted that non-humanitarian aid has been halted, foreign assets mostly frozen and Afghan banks have been crippled by cash shortages after the Taliban returned to power. Additionally, "the turmoil is fueling a surge in Afghan refugees" that could burden public resources in refugee-hosting countries, pressure the labour market and create social tensions, it said.

INDONESIA

INDONESIA CENTRAL BANK KEEPS RATES AT RECORD LOWS

Indonesia's central bank kept its policy rates steady at record lows on Tuesday to support a tentative recovery, even as economic activity picked up in recent months thanks to rebounding consumption and robust commodity exports. Bank Indonesia (BI) held the benchmark 7-day reverse repurchase rate steady at 3.50% for the eighth month, saying the decision was in line with the need to support the recovery while keeping the rupiah stable. While the central bank said the domestic recovery was being buoyed by strong exports and improving consumption after a recent easing of coronavirus curbs, it stuck to its forecast for 3.5% to 4.3% growth this year. "Economic conditions have improved, but the domestic demand is still far below potential output ... That's why the interest rates will remain low this year and liquidity will remain loose," said Governor Perry Warjiyo.

CHINA

YUAN AT 4-MONTH HIGH, BREACHES KEY THRESHOLD

China's yuan surged on Tuesday, finishing the session at a four-month high and breaching a key threshold, aided by market expectations that the stresses in the domestic property sector as well as Sino-US tensions are easing. The onshore spot yuan opened at 6.4250 per dollar and strengthened past the psychologically important 6.4 before ending at 6.3998, the strongest such close since June 16 and 296 bps firmer than the previous late session close. The rise in the yuan in onshore and offshore markets followed weaker-than-expected Chinese economic growth data on Monday, but after China's central bank calmed markets late last week saying spillover effects from the China Evergrande Group's debt woes were controllable. A couple of other property firms made coupon payments this week, helping ease some concerns about the embattled and indebted sector. The stronger yuan had driven a broader rally in risk-sensitive currencies in the broader currency market, he said. Traders said the yuan was supported by heavy corporate clients' conversion of their dollars as they took advantage of broad dollar weakness.

Govt panel to review tax on tobacco goods

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS a part of its public health policy, the government has set up an expert group to reassess tobacco taxation and to prepare a comprehensive tax policy proposal covering all tobacco products, which it feels is on lower side compared to its global peers.

The nine-member panel is led by Vikas Sheel, additional secretary in the health ministry, and includes representatives of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, NITI Aayog, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), revenue department's Tax Research Unit, WHO country office for India, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP).

The mandate of the group includes analysing current tax structure of all forms of tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, and suggesting various tax rate models for consideration in the preparation of FY23 and future Union budgets, which will help in reducing tobacco demand as per World Health Organization's (WHO's) roadmap.

The current tax burden on cigarettes in India is about 52%, for bidis, 22% and for smokeless tobacco is 63.8%. Given that it is considered as a sin good, it is kept in the highest 28% GST slab, apart from a heavy burden of cess, which is 65% on unmanufactured tobacco, 21% for cigars.

Still public health advocates feel that this is below the WHO recommended tax burden of at least 75% of retail price for all tobacco products and that is why they are asking the government to significantly increase its existing excise taxes on tobacco products and also to hike the cess on bidis and smokeless tobacco.

India has large number of tobacco users and it accounts for 27% of all cancers in India.

Cab aggregator Ola's top executives leave as company set to go public

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CAB aggregator and mobility firm Ola is seeing two more big exits. This time, its Chief Financial Officer Swayam Saurabh and Chief Operating Officer Gaurav Porwal are leaving the company which is expected to launch its IPO and get listed in near future.

According to Bhavish Agarwal, cofounder and CEO of Ola group, these exits are a "part of management restructuring." "As we look forward to Ola's next phase of growth, we are making some key updates to our organisation that will enable us to capture the opportunities that lie ahead," said Agarwal in an internal email addressed to Ola employees.

MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTRING

Bhavish Agarwal, CEO, Ola group, said the company is making some key updates to the organisation that will enable it to capture the opportunities that lie ahead.

He wrote that Porwal, who has run the mobility business for the last year and built a strong foundation during challenging times, will be leaving Ola to pursue other interests. As for Saurabh, who had joined Ola only a few months back, he is set to quit in mid-December.

Arun Kumar G, the group CFO, will continue to run the finance function across the company and all the key finance leaders of Ola will now report directly to him.

The Ola CEO informed Vinay A Bhopatkar, CEO, Ola Delivery Business, will take on the additional responsibilities of the driver and supply ecosystem of the platform.

Aggarwal also said Arun Sirdeshmukh will continue to play the role of CEO, Ola Cars, the firm's vehicle commerce business. "Please join me in congratulating them on their new roles and let's continue to build the future of mobility together," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Value of transactions by PhonePe up 23%

New Delhi: Fintech major PhonePe on Tuesday said the total payments value (TPV) of transactions by its platform grew 23.3% sequentially to ₹921,674 crore, while the number of transactions grew by 33.6% to 526.5 crore in the September quarter. Also, money transfers with UPI and merchant payments hit a new milestone of 200 crore transactions.

Jeep India recalls 39 Wrangler units

New Delhi: Automaker Jeep India on Tuesday said it is recalling 39 fully imported units of Jeep Wrangler in order to inspect and replace fuel supply line connector. The company said it is recalling the SUV units manufactured between January 24, 2020 and March 17, 2020. The locally-assembled Jeep Wrangler is unaffected by this recall, the automaker stated.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹826

Target Price ₹960

SUN PHARMA

We remain positive on SUNP due to: a) investments in the global specialty portfolio improving profitability, b) robust pipeline of NDAs/ANDAs, and c) revival in the branded generics segment in DF, and d) incremental contribution from an expanded field force. We expect 16% earnings CAGR over FY21-23E.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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HUL net profit up 9%; declares 15% dividend

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FMCG major Hindustan Unilever on Tuesday reported a standalone net profit of ₹2,187 crore for the September quarter, an increase of 9% from ₹2,009 crore reported in the year-ago period. The company announced an interim dividend of 15% per equity share. The profit after tax (PAT) for the company grew 6% sequentially from ₹2,061 crore in the June quarter.

The soap-to-shampoo maker reported an 11% increase in revenue from operations to ₹12,724 crore as against ₹11,442 crore during year-ago period.

"HUL's domestic consumer growth in the quarter was at 11% year-on-year. Performance was broad-based with all three divisions growing competitively. Business fundamentals remained strong with more than three-fourths of the business gaining market share and penetration," HUL said in a statement.

Home care segment led the growth in profit, rising 15%. The growth was mainly driven by high double-digit growth in fabric wash, according to a company statement, which mentioned household care continued to perform well and grew on a strong base. Beauty & personal care segment grew 10%, while foods & refreshment grew at 7% against a strong prior year comparator.

The company's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) margin was at 25% in the second quarter, down 40 basis points y-o-y. However, it is better than 24% in June quarter.

"September quarter witnessed a sequential improvement in trading conditions, albeit remained challenging with unprecedented levels of input cost inflation and subdued consumer sentiments. In this backdrop, we have delivered a strong performance growing topline in double digits and stepping up profitability sequentially," said Sanjiv Mehta, CMD, HUL.

FY21 RESULTS

Patanjali net profit up 14% to ₹485 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

YOGA guru Ramdev's Patanjali Ayuved Ltd posted ₹9,872 crore revenue on a standalone basis in 2020-21, registering a moderate 8.6% increase over the last financial year. However, it posted a double-digit growth in profit during the year as net profit increased 14% to ₹485 crore, filing made to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs show.

Its expenses during the period also increased by 8.33% to ₹9,233 crore, while its operating profit went up by 6.25% to ₹812 crore.

The company's balance sheet increased from ₹9,645 crore in 2019-20 to ₹10,510 crore in 2020-21. However, it managed to reduce its liabilities from ₹5,917 crore to ₹5,082 crore. Patanjali's net worth also increased from ₹3,728 crore in 2019-20 to ₹5,427 crore in 2020-21.

The FMCG company, which had clocked over ₹10,500 crore in revenue in 2016-17 itself, has ever since been struggling to keep up the performance. Its revenue had dropped to ₹8,330 crore in 2018-19, and has since been trying to regain market share in the cut-throat FMCG segment. It acquired Ruchi Soya, the edible oil company, through the corporate insolvency resolution process under the insolvency law in 2019.

Ruchi Soya has an annual turnover of ₹16,000 crore.

Nestle net profit rises 5% to ₹617 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

NESTLE India saw its net profit rising 5.16% to ₹617.37 crore in the September quarter as against ₹587.09 crore in the same period last year. It was, on the other hand, 15% higher as against ₹538 crore recorded in the previous quarter.

Sales at the company, which follows a January to December financial year, rose 9.63% to ₹3864.97 crore in Q3 2021 as compared to ₹3525.41 crore during the year-ago period.

Revenues were up by 12% at ₹3,882.6 crore for the September quarter, as against ₹3,476.7 crore in June quarter.

Suresh Narayanan, Chairman and MD, said, "This quarter has once again seen the Company deliver 'double-digit broad-based value growth' in domestic sales across categories. Organised trade witnessed a resurgence in the third quarter with strong revenue growth in mid-twenties after a muted second quarter which was impacted by the pandemic second wave."

"Price outlook for key categories like wheat, coffee, edible oils remains firm to bullish while costs of packaging materials continue to increase amid supply constraints, rising fuel and transportation costs. Input prices expected to be on bullish trend both globally and to some extent locally. Fresh milk prices are expected to remain firm with continued increase in demand and rise in feed costs to farmers," the company said in a BSE filing. The announcement of scrapping import duties on edible oils, if continued next year, can have positive impact in muting food inflation pressures, it added.

INTRADAY STOCK PRICE MOVEMENT OF IRCTC, WHICH ROSE 290% IN PAST SIX MONTHS

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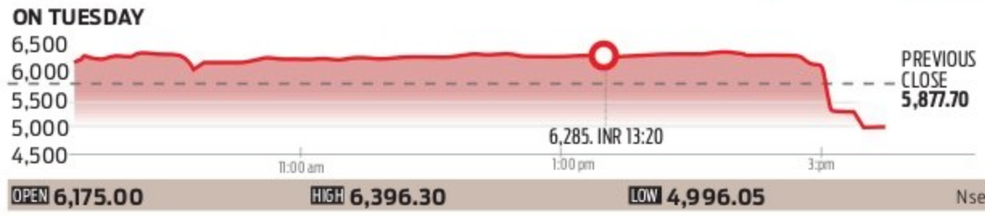

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After a record rally, IRCTC stock slides 22% intraday from fresh 52-week high

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER rising over 290% in the last six months, all hell broke loose for the state-run Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corp (IRCTC) on Tuesday.

The stock, which began the trading session on a positive note and hit m-cap of ₹1 lakh crore for the first time, witnessed a steep fall during the closing hour. It fell more than 22% from its fresh 52-week high and closed 15% down after hitting lower circuit. It touched a high of ₹6,396.30 and a low of ₹4,996.05 during the day. The stock's closing value, after adjustments, came in at ₹5,363 and m-cap came down to a little over ₹85,750 crore on the BSE.

"Railways stocks were seen under pressure at day's close after the news of the appointment of regulator for railways," Gaurav Garg, Head of Research CapitalVia Global Research, told *TNIE*. Shares of other companies operating in the railway sector, including Ircon, IRFC and Rites, also fell from their intra-day highs amid buzz that the government is appointing a regulator for the sector. Garg added that long term investors need not worry about short-term corrections as the fundamentals are intact.

Vinit Bolinjkar, Head of Research, Ventura Securities, said that this correction is expected to play out for a few days given that the markets had an almost one way rally. "The first taste of a correction was given by Dmart which had a sharp fall post results on profit booking. The same was witnessed by all the other stocks which have rallied sharply. IRCTC was no exception," said Bolinjkar.

Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart, said the psychological level of ₹5,000 is immediate support but there is a risk that it may slip below this and may head towards 20-DMA which may coincide with 4500 level. However, ₹4,000-3,800 will be a critical demand zone to take fresh buying positions, said Meena.

MARKETS SNAP 7-DAY WINNING STREAK

INDIA'S equity market snapped the seven-day gaining streak on Tuesday to end lower in one of the most volatile sessions. Benchmark index Sensex, after scaling 62,000-mark and hitting a high of 62,245 intraday, closed at 61,716, down 50 points. Nifty50, on the other hand, closed 0.3% lower at 18,418.75 after touching an all-time high of 18,604. Stock wise, L&T gained 3% on the BSE. Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finserv and Infosys were the other significant gainers in the BSE Sensex pack. Consumer goods major and India's biggest tobacco seller ITC nosedived 6.2 % after the government announced setting up an expert panel to review the taxation on tobacco products. "...While moving to defensives, though near-term trend can be dull, one can give decent weightage to sectors like manufacturing, power, tourism, chemicals, renewables energy & products on a long-term basis," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Bank NPAs may inch up on stressed retail, MSME segments, says Crisil

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WOULD the asset quality of banks deteriorate due to stress in the MSME and retail segment? Rating agency Crisil believes that gross NPAs of the bank could reach 8-9% by March 2022 due to increased stressed assets in the retail segment.

Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of banks will rise to 8-9% this fiscal, well below the peak of 11.2% seen at the end of fiscal 2018, the rating agency said in a report.

It, though, feels that the Covid-19 relief measures such as the restructuring dispensation, and the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) would help limit the rise (in NPA). However, it foresees that with around 2% of bank credit expected under restructuring by the end of this fiscal, stressed assets — comprising gross NPAs and loan book under restructuring — should touch 10-11%.

MOODY'S POSITIVE ON ASSET QUALITY

"The quality of corporate loans has improved, indicating that banks have recognised and provisioned for all legacy problem loans in this segment. The quality of retail loans has deteriorated, but to a limited degree because large-scale job losses have not occurred," Moody's said in its report.

Krishnan Sitaraman, senior director and deputy chief ratings officer, Crisil Ratings, says that stressed assets in retail and MSME segments, which together form 40% of bank credit, are likely to increase to 4-5% and 17-18%, respectively, by the end of the current financial year.

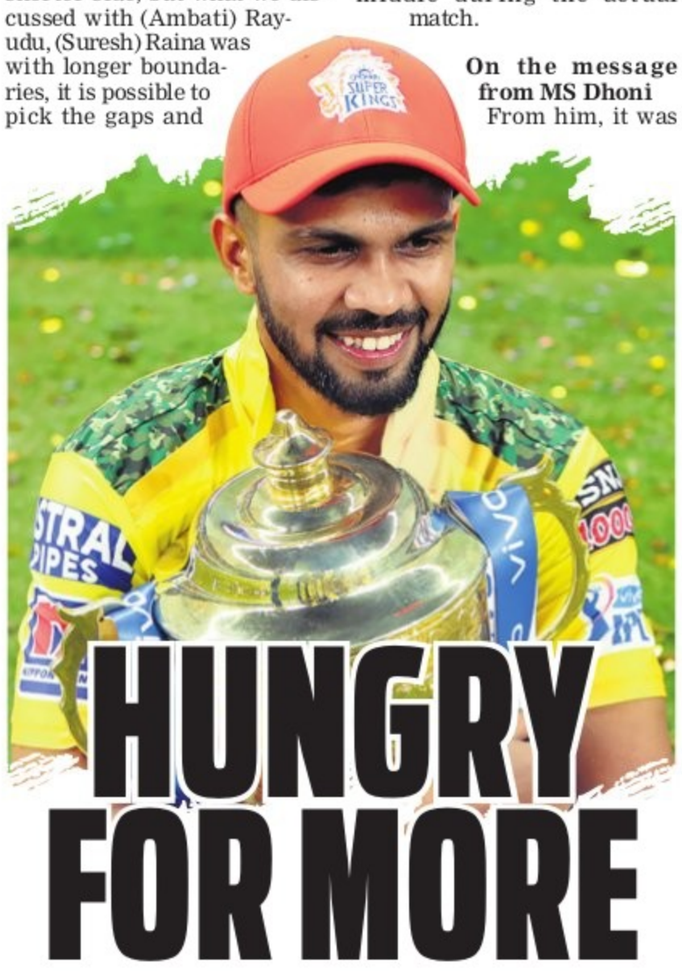
According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the asset quality of banks improved during 2021- 22 (up to June), with the overall NPA ratio declining to 7.5% in June 2021 from 8% a year ago. The NPA ratio, however, in respect of retail loans and services increased over the same period.

Sindhu makes winning return; Srikanth, Sameer advance

Returning to action after a break, double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu saw off Turkey's Neslihan Yigit in straight games to join compatriots Kidambi Srikanth and Sameer Verma in the second round of the Denmark Open on Tuesday. Sindhu took 30 minutes to get across Yigit, ranked 29th, 21-12, 21-10 in her women's singles opener.

Opener on what worked for him this season and the message MS Dhoni conveyed. **Venkata Krishna B** listens in...

HUNGRY FOR MORE



RUTURAJ Gaikwad is taking a deserved time off in Pune after a successful stint with Chennai Super Kings, where he ended up as the Orange Cap holder with 635 runs. The 24-year-old is the youngest to win the it and in an interview with this daily, he talks about the title-winning campaign and more. Excerpts.

On wearing the Cap during the final

It obviously felt good. But I think it is over now. We won the title and we celebrated a lot and it is done and dusted. Time to look forward now.

On your thoughts going into the final, knowing you could win the title as well as the Orange Cap

I was actually thinking about giving the team the start that we have been giving. Being with Faf (du Plessis) and stitching a good partnership... at least 30-40 runs was the priority. And once we crossed the powerplay, it was about one of us taking the chance and other batting till the end. So the plan was to put the team first and see what kind of game is needed for the situation and perform accordingly.

On becoming the youngest Orange Cap holder

As I said it feels good. It is also important, but considering what happened last season, even personally, I wanted that trophy. It is something they have won in the past and I too wanted to win it for the franchise. Right from the start, we had prepared well and made sure we would play good cricket and I think it is a reward for the process we put through in the practice sessions and at the camps in Chennai and Dubai. Those sessions really helped a lot.

On how much these runs mean in terms of where your career goes from here

I don't want to look in that aspect. These runs have come for a winning cause, especially for Chennai Super Kings and that is important for me for the faith they showed. I need to go and score consistently in domestic cricket now. I'm happy for myself, but I'm not expecting this to get me something. It is better to stay in the moment.

On the team backing you in a phase when you hadn't started well

There was talk only outside the bubble. There was nothing inside the team about my low scores or even doubts over my ability. Be it the coach or the captain, nobody even spoke about it. Plus in one match, I got a good ball and in the other the pitch was not good. They have seen such phases with players before. So I never felt any pressure. And since nobody was talking about it, I also didn't read too much into it. I remember Mike Hussey just telling me 'you are just one knock away and need to trust the process', and that is what I did. I'm lucky to be part of this team because they never let any of the outside talk to get in.

On the postponement after you had started scoring well and were you worried

I was. But since we started practicing in Dubai a month before it resumed, it helped a lot. We got used to the conditions. We created match simulations and practiced for short boundaries and long boundaries on one side. We went through lot of match scenarios and followed the process. It was done right and everything was fit into the mind and we only had to go out to perform in the match.

On the condition-specific training

Since only three grounds were in use, we knew boundaries would be short on one side and long on the other. You generally tend to look for runs in the shorter side, but what we discussed with (Ambati) Rayudu, (Suresh) Raina was with longer boundaries, it is possible to pick the gaps and runs. If we hit in the gaps and get even a couple of twos, the bowler is under pressure and it will play in his mind.

On the simulations

So we play 20-over games with five batters and rotate the strike if one of us gets out. We will plan one for chasing and another for setting a target. And you need to find a way to score and we had different types of pitches that helped. And even though there are no fielders, you know when you are dismissed. That really helps in shot selection and know which bowler your partner will go after and what options they look for. Those things really help a lot in the middle during the actual match.

On the message from MS Dhoni

From him, it was just about managing the risk factor. That is what he did and it is something I tend to as well, especially while chasing. And if you are set batsman, you have to finish the job by taking it deep. There were a couple of matches where I got out in the 40s when things were under control and not much was needed.

That's when he came up and said, you are capable of finishing matches and you should try and do that because that is what separates a good player and a great player. He put a lot of emphasis on that. And I told him I too want to head in that direction.

On sweeping Jasprit Bumrah

I have played that shot before. Whenever the square-leg is up and when the bowler is looking for a yorker, it is possible to play that shot. It is impossible to do all the time, but even if the bowler slightly errs in the length, it will go for a six. It has given me rewards in the past. I've been playing that shot the last two years and at that moment, I thought he was going to bowl a yorker.

On the innings that gave him most satisfaction

The one against Mumbai Indians because we where not in a good situation. So to take the team to a par total on that pitch was really special. Initially I thought we won't even get that many runs on board, but we got there in the end. Also the knock against Delhi Capitals in the Qualifier 1, because they had a very good attack and the pitch was slow as well. So to chase 172 was really special. Even MS came up to me and said 'you staying till 17th over helped the team' so that was special too.

On whether his performances will mean Chennai will retain him

No, no... not at all. There is a lot of time for it and I'm not thinking about it.

On Chennai fans liking him

They have been great. Even last year, people had high hopes on me even before I played. And I believe this trophy will make them happy. And they are a loyal set of fans, very supportive and are good readers of the game.

On the competition for openers in the national team and where he sees himself

The selection is out of my control. From my end, I have to do all the right things... like scoring well and consistently in whatever tournament I play. What has to happen, will happen.

T20 WORLD CUP

LANKANS & THE IRISH SET TO FIGHT FOR TOP SPOT

Sri Lanka and Ireland come face to face after securing comprehensive victories in their previous matches and laying down the marker. As for Namibia and Netherlands, it is all about putting aside their crushing defeats and bouncing back. Here's a quick look at the second round of Group A fixtures...

NAMIBIA vs NETHERLANDS | Live on Star Sports 1 @ 3:30 PM

The Netherlands suffered a chastening defeat at the hands of Ireland in their opening group game. They were bundled out for 106 and the target was chased down inside 16 overs. The Dutch are winless in their last three competitive matches and will have to arrest the slide quickly if they have to stay alive. Other than Max O'Dowd, a lot will depend on the likes of Ben Cooper, Ryan ten Doeschate to steer them past Namibia.

Namibia were thoroughly outplayed by Sri Lanka in their opening game. Craig Williams struck 29 but the rest of the batting failed to get going. A lot will depend on Craig Williams who has been scoring a bulk of the runs for them. This is a must-win game for both of them. The two have met twice in the past and the Netherlands have won on both occasions. The Namibians would look to change that despite starting as the underdogs in this fixture.

SRI LANKA vs IRELAND | Live on Star Sports 1 @ 7:30 PM

Sri Lanka coasted to a comfortable victory in their opening match. Against Namibia, they registered an easy seven-wicket victory. Maheesh Theekshana picked up three wickets while Bhanuka Rajapaksa and Avishka Fernando took them home while chasing. Ireland are likely to be a tougher opponent and the lack of runs from the top order is something Lankans will look to address.

Curtis Campher was the star of the show with four wickets in four balls against the Dutch which was the highlight of the win. Ireland, however, will face a much sterner challenge this time. When it comes to head-to-head, Ireland have won once and lost once in the two T20Is played between the two sides. As the Abu Dhabi pitch has not yielded many runs, bowlers will be in focus again and Ireland will need the likes of Curtis and Mark Adair to step up again.

Berrington, Davey guide Scotland to 17-run win

AL AMERAT: Richie Berrington slammed a stroke-filled 70 while **Josh Davey (top)** snapped four wickets as Scotland inched closer to the Super 12s with a comfortable 17-run win over Papua New Guinea in their Group B match of the ICC T20 World Cup here on Tuesday. Scotland grabbed the top position in Group B with two wins having shocked Bangladesh in their opening game.

Brief scores: Scotland 165/9 in 20 ovs (Berrington 70, Morea 4/31) beat PNG 148 in 19.3 ovs (Vanua 47, Davey 4/18).

Bangladesh beat Oman by 26 runs

AL AMERAT: Shakib Al Hasan starred with an all-round show to help Bangladesh defeat Oman by 26 runs to pick up their first win in Group B on Tuesday. He scalped three wickets and restricted Oman to 127/9 when latter was chasing 154 to win. Mustafizur Rahman also took four wickets. Earlier, Mohammad Naim had top-scored for Bangladesh with 64 while Shakib scored 42. **Brief scores:** Bangladesh 153 in 20 ovs (Naim 64, Shakib 42, Bilal 3/18, Butt 3/20) beat Oman 127/9 in 20 ovs (Jatinder 40, Mustafizur 4/36, Shakib 3/28)

United, Barca seek Euro boost

Pressure is on Barcelona and Man United to resurrect their UEFA Champions League aspirations after early wobbles. A look at a few matchday three fixtures on Wednesday...

BARCELONA VS DYNAMO KYIV

The Catalans have sort of corrected their league form, picking up an impressive come-from-behind win over Valencia. In Europe, though, they are pointless after two games. One thing that could stand them in good stead is that the likes of Ansu Fati is back in the team after a long term injury. They do need all of them against the Ukrainians, table-toppers in the Ukraine Premier League. After a draw against Benfica in matchday two, they might well fancy another upset here.

MAN UNITED VS ATALANTA

Ole Gunnar Solsjkaer is walking on thin ground. A less than impressive beginning to the campaign was exacerbated after the loss to Leicester in the weekend. An opening round loss to Young Boys mean they can ill-afford another loss. The Italians' expansive football with their energetic pressing and playing front-foot football is usually what the Manchester club likes. They are a good team on the break but with a non-existent midfield, Atalanta could catch them cold.

4 Robert Lewandowski has four goals from just two games this season

Fixtures (IST 12:30 am unless stated): Group E: Benfica vs Bayern, Barcelona vs Dynamo Kyiv (10:15pm); Group F: Man United vs Atalanta, Young Boys vs Villarreal; Group G: RB Salzburg vs Wolfsburg (10:15pm), Lille vs Sevilla; Group H: Zenit vs Juventus, Chelsea vs Malmo.

Live on Sony Pictures Networks

Multiple records in swimming nationals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FIVE national records were created as the 37th sub junior and 47th junior national aquatic championships kicked off at the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre here on Tuesday. Bengal's Swadesh Mondal stole the show, breaking two records in the 100m breaststroke and 200m individual medley, both in group I boys.

Karnataka'a Sambhavv R and Dhinidhi Desinghu were not far behind. The former, who finished first with a timing of 1:53.41s, bettered Srihari Nataraj's three-year-old national record of 1:53.54 seconds in 200m freestyle for group I boys. Meanwhile, Dhinidhi broke a 11-year-old national record of 2:17.52 held by Monique Gandhi of Maharashtra. She clocked 2:14.94 in the 200m freestyle group III girls on Tuesday. Apeksha Fernandes of Maharashtra also created a new record in the 200m individual medley group I girls with a timing of 2:26.57.

Overall, it was Karnataka swimmers, who dazzled in the pool with an impressive haul of ten gold medals. Tamil Nadu Swimming Academy also collected two gold medals. Shabarish Vishwanathan PR and Nitheesh MS sizzled in 100m breastroke, winning gold in the group IV and III boys respectively. Vishwanathan clocked 1:29.68 while Nitheesh's winning timing read 1:17.46. There were some exciting races on the day, but the 200m individual medley for group 1 boys proved to a close one between Mondal (Bengal) and Shoan Ganguly (Karnataka). After a fine contest, it was Mondal, who touched first with a time of 2:08.88.

SELECT RESULTS

200m Free (Gr I Boys): 1. Sambhavv R (1:53.41) KAR (NR), 2. Aneesh S Gowda (1:53.54) KAR, 3. V Madhavan (1:55.93) MAH; **200m Free (Gr I Girls):** 1 A Wala (2:09.86) MAH, 2 K Bengera (2:10.92) MAH, 3 A Choudhury (2:11.76) ASM; **200m Free Gr II Boys:** 1 P Pandey (2:04.82) MP, 2 A Mukherjee (2:05.29) KAR, 3 R Das (2:08.34) MAH, **200m Free Gr II Girls:** 1 H Ramachandra (2:11.37) KAR, 2 Shirin (2:15.98) KAR, 3 A Rawat (2:16.65) DEL; **200m IM Gr I Boys:** 1 S Mondal (2:08.88) BNG (NR), 2 S Ganguly (2:09.05) KAR, 3 KS Bohra (2:12.61) KAR; **200m IM (Gr I Girls):** 1 A Fernandes (2:26.57) MAH (NR), 2 D Bhandari (2:28.00) UP, 3 A Jedidah (2:29.51) KAR; **200m IM (Gr II Boys):** 1 P Dhananjaya (2:19.30) KAR, 2 N R Gowda (2:19.50) KAR, 3 U Gor (2:25.97) MAH.

CHAMPIONS

Social Cricketers emerged champions of the KSCA Twenty20 tournament on Tuesday. They beat Vultures Cricket Club by 18 runs in the final. After Social Cricketers were all out for 134 runs, they restricted their opponents to 116/8 to take home the prestigious title.

FINALLY, NRAI BEGINS OLYMPICS REVIEW

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

AT long last, the much-awaited process of reviewing the performances of shooters during the Tokyo Olympics has begun. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), the governing body of the sport in the country, was under pressure after most of the shooters, especially the seniors, failed to live up to their billing.

The NRAI conducted a meeting with the Tokyo participants on Monday and Tuesday. It is learnt that the shooters and coaches were asked to give their observations on what went wrong and the way forward. It is to be noted that after the failure at the Tokyo Olympics, there were rumblings within the coaching staff and NRAI officials.

"We had meeting with the shooters and the coaches. We'll be working on the report now," Rajiv Bhatia, NRAI secretary, confirmed this daily.

A record 15-member team had entered the quadrennial event with loads of expectations. One by one, the shooters fell by the wayside. Even serial winners like teenagers Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary couldn't quite cope with the pressure of the event and fell short of their targets, making it a forgettable Olympic campaign for shooting. Moreover, in the middle of the campaign, Raninder Singh, NRAI president, had revealed that 'there was a lot of internal wrangling in the pistol squad among coaches'.

The two-day meeting is vital as the federation looks to make a fresh start. Based on the findings, past records, the federation is expected to decide on the future composition of the team as well as the coaching staff. It would take a decision on foreign coaches as well. Another area the evaluation would help is in selecting the Target Olympics Podium Scheme shooters for both core as well as development groups.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Veda to lead state women's team

BENGALURU: Veda Krishnamurthy has been appointed captain of the Karnataka team for the upcoming BCCI senior women's one day trophy, which will be played in Nagpur from October 31. The KSCA announced the 20-member squad on Tuesday.

Kevin reaches quarterfinal

BENGALURU: Kevin Titus emerged as the star of the day when he first knocked out the fourth seed in the opening round of the ASTA-AITA CS3 U-18 championship and then continued his march with a facile 8-3 win over Sriniketh Kannan to make it to the quarterfinals here on Tuesday.

TT: Payas is World No 1 in under-17 category

NEW DELHI: Payas Jain, on Tuesday, became the second Indian paddler to achieve a World No 1 ranking, thanks to his title-winning performances in the under-17 boys category. The other Indian who achieved the feat was Manav Thakkar, who became the World No 1 in the Under-21 category in January 2020.

COACH SPEAKS

Need to sit down with stakeholders to improve Indian football: Stimac

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

IT has been more than a decade since Sunil Chhetri has been scoring goals left and right for India, lifting the team on many occasions in the process. Come 2021, the scenario has not changed for the Blue Tigers with the forward ending the recently concluded SAFF Championship as the highest goal-scorer with five goals. He has shouldered responsibility up front over the years as his 80 international goals suggest.

But, Chhetri brings much more to the table than these impressive goal count. At 37, he might not have many more years left in him, but his fitness stands out.

"Chhetri's influence is a key point for this team. It is not only the goals he scores in the game, but also his leadership on the pitch. He is a role model. He is the most passionate one in the dressing room at his age, which is unbelievable. His fitness condition is unbelievable. While he is doing what he is doing, Sunil is going to be there with us. When someone steps forward, maybe with a better fitness condition and also better scoring ability then only he can be replaced," said head coach Igor Stimac in a virtual interaction on Tuesday.

It might not have been a dominant Indian show, at least initially, in the SAFF Championship, but there were plenty of positives. However, the Indian

players will be working with their respective Indian Super League clubs ahead of the new season, which starts in November. The next few months are going to be critical especially with third round of the Asian Cup qualifiers in February. Given the situation, Stimac feels that the ISL clubs need to release players on time.

"We need to sit down with other stakeholders in domestic competitions and discuss how much time the national team players will get for preparation for these important games. If we make sure that we get enough time to prepare then we might get good football and good results. Otherwise, we are going to gamble, as simple as that.....we have to make sure that all the players are released from the clubs from these qualifiers," said Stimac.

On biennial World Cup

Stimac believes it could benefit India in the near future, but wants to learn about the real motive of having two World Cups.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

US-based Atea Pharmaceuticals said Tuesday its plans to develop an orally administered drug to treat coronavirus patients together with Swiss pharma giant Roche have suffered a set back in clinical trials

It "showed no significant reduction in viral load," the firm said in a statement. When compared to a placebo administered to some of the patients in the trial "no meaningful difference was seen in virological efficacy"

Cold winter with no fuel for warmth

ENERGY

POWER shortages are turning out streetlights and shutting down factories in China. The poor in Brazil are choosing between paying for food or electricity. German corn and wheat farmers can't find fertilizer, made using natural gas. And fears are rising that Europe will have to ration electricity if it's a cold winter.

The world is gripped by an energy crunch — a fierce squeeze on some of the key markets for natural gas, oil and other fuels that keep the global economy running and the lights and heat on in homes. Heading into winter, that has meant higher utility bills, more expensive products and growing concern about how energy-consuming Europe and China will recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The biggest squeeze is on natural gas in Europe, which imports 90% of its supply — largely from Russia — and where prices have risen to five times what they were at the start of the year, to 95 euros from about 19 euros per megawatt hour.

Analysts blame a confluence of events for the gas crunch: Demand rose sharply as the economy rebounded from the pandemic, while a cold winter depleted reserves. Europe's chief supplier, Russia's Gazprom, held back extra summer supplies beyond its long-term contracts to fill reserves at home for winter. China's electricity demand has come roaring back, vacuuming up limited supplies of liquid natural gas, which moves by ship, not pipeline.

Costlier natural gas has even pushed up oil prices because some power generators in Asia can switch from using gas to oil-based products.

EXFILE • TECH

METAVERSE OF POSSIBILITIES

For a company in the eye of the storm over privacy and health issues, Facebook seems to be buoyant. It has announced the hiring of 10,000 people in Europe to work on metaverse, loosely defined as a maximalist, interconnected set of experiences in a shared online space. It definitely sounds interesting but given the Big Tech's known disregard for individual privacy, questions its abuse would not be far away

NITTY-GRITTY

- Aims to make digital spaces more lifelike by using virtual reality (VR) or augmented reality (AR)
- Some use it to describe gaming worlds, where users have a character that can walk around and interact with other players
- Some metaverse uses blockchain technology, wherein users can buy virtual land and other digital assets using cryptocurrencies
- As of now, most virtual spaces look more like a video game than real life

WHY THE SUDDEN PUSH

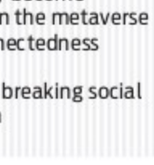
- Digital beings see it as the next stage of the internet
- They believe metaverse would make the use of social media platforms redundant in that new online spaces with multi-dimensional interactions cropping up
- People would be able to immerse themselves in digital content rather than simply viewing it
- The biggest push came during the lockdowns, when the demand for making online interaction more lifelike grew

THE PROPONENTS

- Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has said his company would transition from a social media company into a metaverse company in the next five years. The job offers to 10,000 is part of this
- Microsoft, too, has talked of converging the digital and physical worlds
- Popular children's game Roblox calls itself a metaverse company. Epic Games' Fortnite is also considered to be part of the metaverse
- Musicians can do virtual concerts on these platforms. For example, in September millions of people watched Ariana Grande virtually perform in Fortnite
- The world's biggest fashion companies have also experimented with making virtual clothing, which people's avatars can wear in metaverse environments, Reuters reported
- Recently, a Swiss firm made headway into incorporating the technology to fashion an immersive experience of the universe with only VR glasses and a computer

BACKGROUNDER

Coined by: Neal Stephenson in his 1992 sci-fi novel Snow Crash



MEANING

A convergence of physical, augmented, and virtual reality in a shared online space

ESSENCE

Today's online activity is a 2D experience, while the metaverse is a 3D experience that can utilise AR, VR and persistent connections to create an immersive world

You can think about the metaverse as an embodied internet that you are inside of rather than just looking at

Mark Zuckerberg

CONCERNS APLENTY

- Involvement of Big Tech with dubious privacy records causing concerns
- Issues such as personal privacy, marketplace competition, and misinformation only become greater challenges in the metaverse due to the interconnectedness
- Those accused of breaking social and behavioral stan

US set to approve vax mix & match

Decision based on study suggesting better immunity when different doses are mixed

COVID

WASHINGTON: The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is preparing to allow mix and match coronavirus vaccine boosting, in which people get a different additional shot to the dose they initially received, US media reported.

Citing sources familiar with the situation, the *New York Times* said the FDA might make the announcement on Wednesday when it is also expected to authorise boosters for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. A preliminary study released in the US last week showed people who received the J&J vaccine may benefit from a booster dose of a different, messenger-RNA vaccine such as Pfizer or Moderna.

But multiple reports quoted people familiar with the discussions as saying one shot may not be recommended over another, and the FDA could say using the same vaccine is preferable when possible.

"People should generally get the same vaccine as their initial series," a federal official told the *Washington Post*.

Proponents of mixing and matching point to its benefits in terms of simplifying vaccine rollout, and ensuring those who need boosters can get them regardless of which jab they initially had.

"From a public health perspective, there's a clear need in some situations for individuals to receive a different vaccine," Amanda Cohn, a high-ranking Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official, told the *New York Times*.

In July the World Health Organization's chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan said mixing and matching vaccines was "a bit of a data-free, evidence-free zone."

The US study on boosters, which has not yet been peer-reviewed, has several limitations. The number of participants was small, and the immune response could evolve beyond the 15 days observed during the study.

In the US, over-65s, adults with high-risk medical conditions, and those in jobs where they are frequently exposed to the virus are eligible to receive booster shots. The WHO vaccine advisers recommended last week that people with weakened immune systems should be offered an additional dose of all WHO-approved Covid-19 vaccines.

But the WHO wants a moratorium on booster doses for the general population until the end of the year to prioritize first doses in the dozens of nations starved of vaccines.

Lockdown in Moscow

Meanwhile, Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin on Tuesday ordered the capital's first coronavirus restrictions since the summer as Russia registered a record number of daily deaths with most citizens still not vaccinated. Sobyanin ordered the unvaccinated over-60s to work from home, reintroduced a home-working quota and extended mandatory vaccinations for service workers. The measures will take effect next Monday and last until February 25.

Ukraine's record deaths

Ukraine reported a record 538 deaths over the past 24 hours as the country saw a surge in infections that parallels neighbouring Russia.

SHEATHED IN MARINE LIFE

Jacob Sharvit, director of the Marine Archaeology Unit of the Israel Antiquities Authority, holds a sword that experts say dates back to the Crusaders. Israeli archaeologists said a scuba diver salvaged the sword off the country's Mediterranean coast | AP

Snail mucus helpful in cervical cancer cure

RESEARCH

PUNE: Snail mucus, secretions of snails which are normally considered as agricultural pests, has several applications in the development of anticancer and antimicrobial drugs as well as biosensors for the detection of toxic metals in water, researchers have said.

The multi-disciplinary study was published in the journal *Nature-Scientific Reports* recently. The researchers used unexplored snail mucus of Achatina fulica, also known as the Giant African snail.

Dr Dinesh Amalnerkar, a researcher, said they used the snail's mucus as a novel biomaterial for the synthesis of silver bio-nano composite, which was then tested for various biological activities.

"Besides antibacterial and antifungal properties, preliminary in-vitro investigations revealed this bio-nano composite successfully neutralised cervical cancer cells. Our research outcomes will add new insights into the science of organic-inorganic hybrid nanomaterials-based drug formulations," the researchers added.

Cervical cancer accounts for almost one-third of total deaths among women due to cancer, he pointed out. In particular, it showed better antimicrobial activity against Pseudomonas aeruginosa which causes infections of urinary tract, respiratory system, gastrointestinal system and burn wounds, and is resistant to many of the antibiotics currently in use.

The researchers published another paper in 'Springer Nature Journal' where another application of the bio-nano composite was explored for the detection of highly toxic mercury ions in water. This method could be very convenient as one can observe the color of a water sample changing with the naked eye if it contains pollutants such as mercury, lead or chromium, researchers said.

The research was carried out in collaboration with Savitribai Phule Pune University, Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Pune, Nanoparticles Technology Laboratory, School of Mechanical Engineering, Sungkyunkwan University, Suwon, South Korea, and the Department of Physics and Astronomy College of Science, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia.

Sri Lanka drops organic farm plan

CONSERVATION

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka on Tuesday backed down from ambitious plans to become the world's first completely organic farming nation, reversing a ban on imports of chemical fertiliser. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa imposed a total ban on agrochemicals in May, saying he wanted to make Sri Lankan farming 100% organic.

Cash cow hit by ban

Plantations Minister Ramesh Pathirana said Tuesday that the change of course was to help growers of Ceylon tea, exports of which are worth $1.3 billion annually for the island nation. "Considering the fact that there has been a quality drop in tea that was produced in factories, the government has taken the decision to import sulphate of ammonia," Pathirana said.

Temporary measure?

He said imports of chemical fertiliser would continue until the island was able to produce enough organic fertiliser for local agricultural needs. Rajapaksa's policy had sparked anger among tea plantation owners and other farmers who warned that a lack of organic fertiliser and lower yields would lead to shortages.

Cash-starved economy

This risked compounding problems for a government already facing an unprecedented shortage of foreign exchange to import fuel, food and medicines.

$500 million Credit line

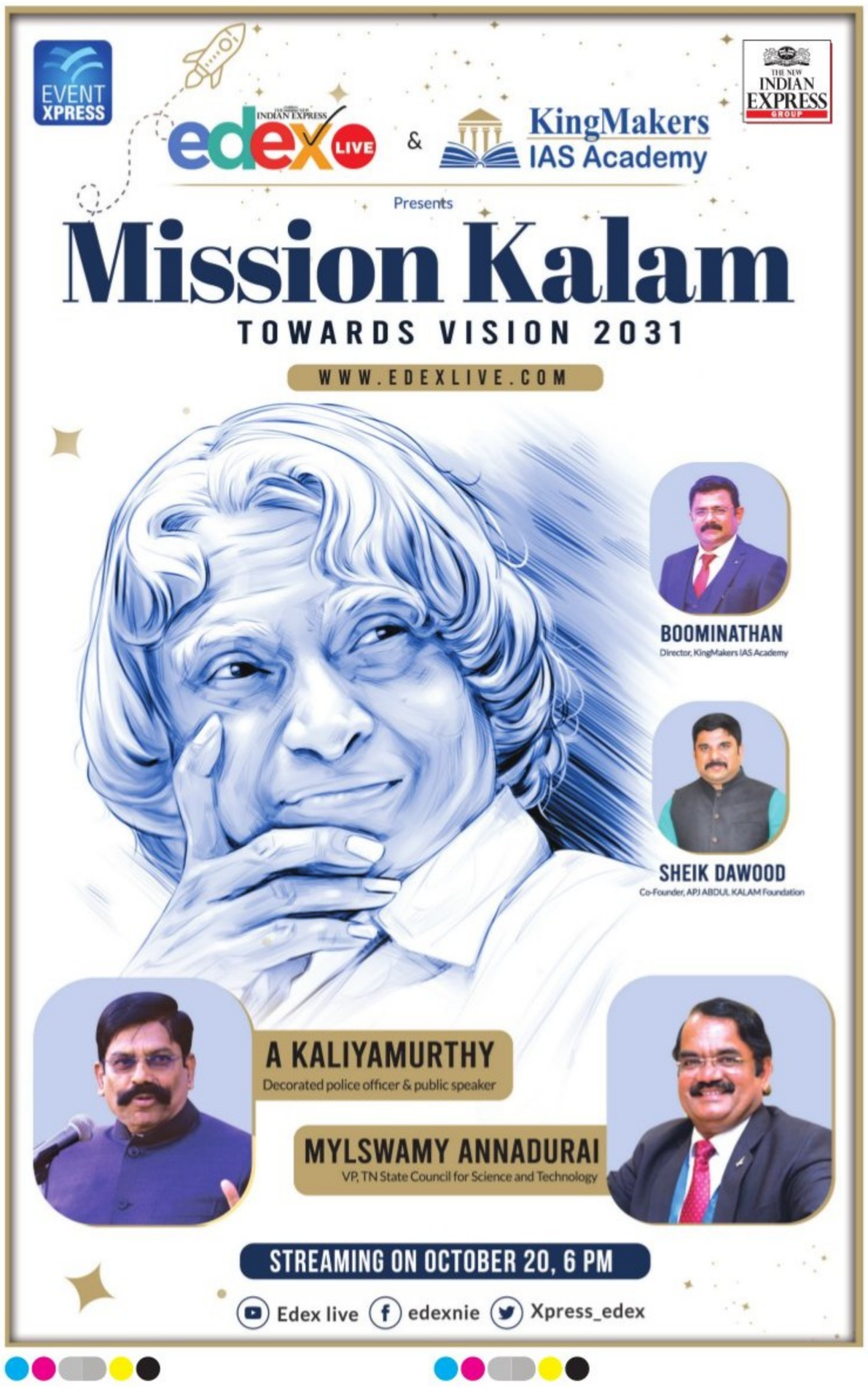
Sri Lanka on Saturday sought a $500 million credit line from India to pay for its crude oil purchases amid a severe foreign exchange crisis.

FACT OF THE MATTER

OLDEST MAP OF STARS ON DISPLAY

SPACE

A stunning 3,600-year-old Nebra Sky Disc that is widely believed to be the world's oldest map of the stars is to go on display at the British Museum. The 12-inch bronze disc sports a blue–green patina with inlaid gold symbols thought to represent the moon, sun, solstices and stars including the Pleiades cluster. It was unearthed near the town of Nebra in Saxony–Anhalt, in the east of Germany, by looters Mario Renner and Henry Westphal back in 1999. The pair was treasure hunting without a license, and destroyed parts of the archaeological site and damaged the disc with their spade.



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DAY'S DIARY

Opera House opens

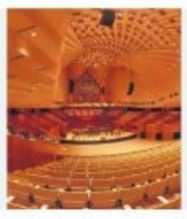
The Sydney Opera House, Australia's most recognisable building and an icon of its creative and technical achievement, was opened on this day in 1973

PROMOTING THE CITY

In 1952, the government announced its intention to build an opera house. An international competition was held, attracting more than 220 final entries received from 32 countries

AND THE WINNER IS...

Danish architect Jorn Utzon's design was selected. The New South Wales Government announced an Opera House Lottery to pay for the construction costs



ARCHITECTURAL ICON

It took 16 years to build. The building with its soaring white roof, shell-shaped sails atop a massive red granite platform, has been acclaimed as an architectural icon

Puneeth and Jacob to work together

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LOOKING INTO SPACE

A podcast, narrated by cricket commentator Harsha Bhogle, reveals untold tales on India's space missions

SANATH PRASAD

SCIENCE and stories related to the subject can be complex. But thanks to the efforts of this team which also includes Bengalureans, the task has been made simple. Employing a storytelling narrative, *Mission ISRO* (Indian Space Research Organisation), a podcast that is currently trending, attempts to lift the layers off the Indian space history in a conversational style. Narrated by cricket's commentator Harsha Bhogle, the podcast is back with its second season with an inspiring timeline of India's space missions. From stories involving building large communication satellite launch vehicles to the shocking arrest of top ISRO scientist Nambi Narayan for alleged espionage, season two gives a sneak-peek into thrilling space missions.

Digging through tonnes of data on government archives, academic sources and interviews was an arduous task. However, Archana Nathan, a Bengaluru-based freelance journalist, who predominantly writes on art and culture, took upon the challenge of

reading extensively on scientific data and records to interview experienced and elderly scientists over video calls. Piecing together material from books and documents of ISRO scientists to put forth a script was not her cup of tea. Or so she thought until she took on the project. "For a person who writes mostly on art and culture, switching to writing on science and technology was not an easy task. I had to run through numerous records from various sources which were not easily accessible. The most technical terms had to be broken down into simple sentences that sounded conversational and appealed to even someone with no scientific knowledge," says Nathan.

As a scriptwriter and interviewer, she also setup video interviews with the top scientists who worked with Vikram Sarabhai, the founder of ISRO. "Convincing and interviewing senior scientists over video calls, many of whom were above 80 years of age, was challenging. Since all of this was done during the peak of the pandemic, interviews were the least priority of most," adds Nathan, about the podcast which has two seasons. Each episode, over 30 minutes long, involved 16 pages of script. The title track for the podcast was composed by Raghu Dixit.

From capturing moments like 'assembling rocket parts in a shed in Peenya' to 'being able to place the satellite in space orbit,' All Things Small, an audio-visual studio which produced the podcast, wanted to exemplify the Indian way of doing things. Gaurav Vaz, producer of the show mentions that Mission ISRO is inspired by BBC's podcast titled '13 Minutes to the Moon'.

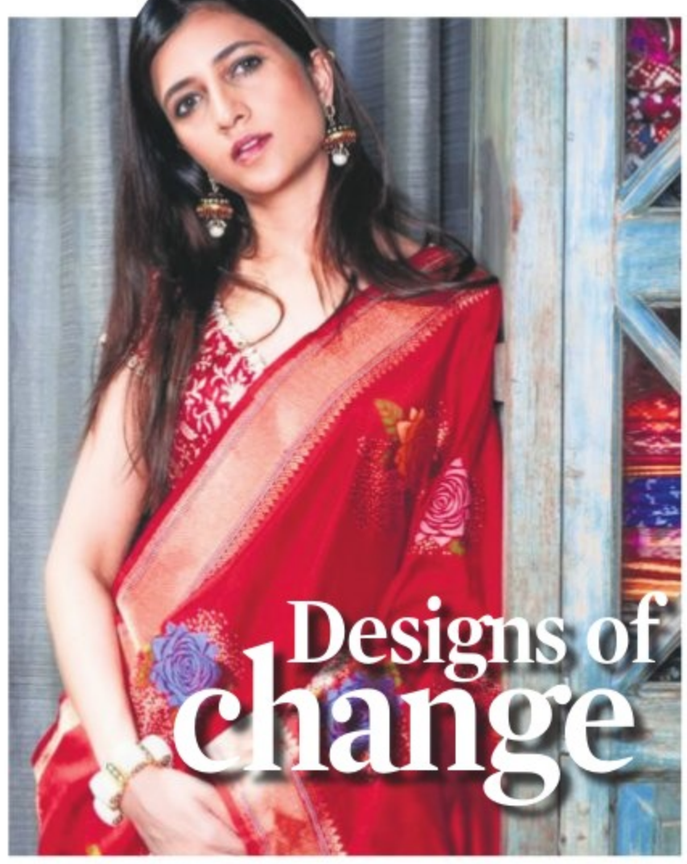
"India lacked the right resources and educational qualifications for producing scientists. Drawing inspiration from *13 Minutes to the Moon*, we wanted to find out how with limited resources, Indian scientists managed to work on rockets, launchpads, satellites with lack of scientific resources. From carrying part of a rocket on the bicycle to assembling them in a small shed near Bengaluru, this is an attempt to show the Indian way of doing things," says Vaz, who is hopeful of another season.

Harsha Bhogle, who is currently in UAE for the ICC T20 World Cup, was unavailable for comments on the show.

(Mission ISRO is now streaming on Spotify)

The podcast attempts to find out how, with limited resources and scientific infrastructure, Indian scientists managed to work on rockets, launchpads and satellites
– Gaurav Vaz, producer

Composing music for a podcast was quite a task. I had to hear the audio and compose the track, unlike for movies. It took me back to my earlier days where I worked on radio jingles. It definitely came handy
– Raghu Dixit, music composer



Designs of change

This festive pop-up will give tradition a twist by combining age-old weaves with contemporary styles

EXPRESS FEATURES

THE handloom industry has been significantly hit during the pandemic. But some fashion brands are taking a proactive step and lending a helping hand to struggling weavers. One such is WeaveinIndia, a Chennai-based fashion brand that will showcase their design collections at Raintree on Sankey Road. Called 'Weaves', the artisanal pop-up will give tradition a twist by combining age-old weaves with contemporary designs. With the aim to lift distressed weavers across the country, the brand is collaborating with a wide range of weavers to promote handlooms and textiles ahead of Deepavali.

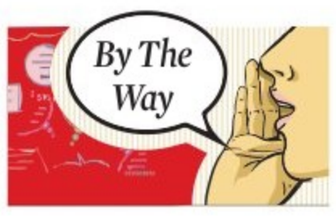
According to **Mandira Bansal**, founder of WeaveinIndia, the brand lays great emphasis on hand-woven fabrics to craft sarees to the liking of a 'contemporary Indian woman'. "The pandemic has hugely impacted the supply chain for weavers, leaving them devastated. Orders from big brands came to a grinding halt that pushed many weavers across the country into unemployment. This pop-up aims to bring an extensive collection of hand-woven apparels under one roof," says Bansal.

Weaves is planning to add a new range of personalised fashion wear, while also introducing new labels. "For the first time, we are bringing Kota Doria to Bengaluru. Sourced from Rajasthan's Kota, these sarees are made of pure silk and cotton and display a checkered pattern called khats. Besides our unique label, Banarasi and Kanjivaram sarees are also on display. The show will also feature interesting bridal and festive wear that will be a treat for brides-to-be," says Bansal.

The pop-up will also feature a 'blouse studio' for personalised, handcrafted blouses to complement outfits, including finely-crafted lehengas and ready-to-wear sarees. In addition, WeavesinIndia is also collaborating with ShopMulmul, a franchise of WeaveinIndia which will display an interesting line-up of fabrics by MulMul. This includes a handpicked variety of cotton kurtas, sarees and other traditional wear.

The pop-up store will be held on October 21 and 22, at Raintree, Sankey Road. ShopMulmul will display their collection on October 23. The timings are between 10 am and 6 pm.

For details, call 9840055164



Good vibes only

Known for her simple-but-gorgeous pictures on social media, actor **Rachita Ram** is always in a mood to spread happiness. Recently, she posted a candid-like photo captioned, "Life is very short nanbaa.. Always be happy!" Wise words.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

1. While the iconic MG Road was known as 'South Parade', the road on the eastern side of the parade grounds was known as 'East Parade' during the British regime. The Wesleyan Mission church at the entrance is named after the road as 'East Parade Church'. What is 'East Parade' road today known as?

2. The straight stretch of road connecting Raj Bhavan (The Residency) and the British army barracks running via the police commissioner's office was called 'Infantry Road'. The road was officially renamed by BBMP in 2004. What is the road renamed as?

3. BRV (Bangalore Rifle Volunteers) theatre once existed on one of the primary roads of Bengaluru. The architectural icon in stone still stands intact and houses the army canteen today. Name the road.

With the release of *Squid Game*, Bengalureans' interest in Korean culture has been piqued yet again. From Dalgona to K-pop, business for Korean restaurants in the city is booming

DONNA EVA

WITH the recent release of the Netflix original Korean drama *Squid Game* comes another wave of Bengalureans fostering an interest in Korean culture. And what better way to explore that culture than through its cuisine?

Bengaluru has no end to the number of Korean restaurants that have been cropping up all over the city. With the Himalayan in Koramangala, Arirang in Kammanahalli and the K Fashion Café in Hennur, among a host of many others, interest in Korean cuisine has been booming with the restaurants booming alongside it. Before *Squid Game*, the 2019 award-winning thriller *Parasite* initiated a similar wave and prior to that, the increasing amount of interest in Korean pop and television, commonly referred to as K-pop and K-dramas, has been a huge contribution to Bengalureans diving into Korean culture and cuisine, with many teenagers, college students and working professionals alike interested in the country's cuisine.

"It used to be a lot of Korean and North-Eastern families visiting, but recently the demographic has really changed and I'm surprised," says Akhil Bhima, the 23-year-old owner of the K Fashion Café. The young restaurateur came into possession of the restaurant after the original owners moved to Korea.

Shubham, a supervisor at Daily Sushi in HSR Layout that specialises in both Japanese and Korean cuisine says, "We have a lot of people, teenagers and families in particular, that visit the restaurant. Business is good and we often have all our tables full with people waiting outside in lines."

On whether there's an increase in requests for specific items like dalgona as was featured in the Netflix show, Bhima says, "We have a lot of people coming in after they've seen a dish in one of the dramas to ask about them, which is very good but a lot of them come in with the expectation that it looks good not realising it's fermented and not vegetarian because a lot of Korean food uses oyster sauce or fish oil." He also mentions a growing trend of people vlogging in the restaurant and misrepresenting a lot of the North-Eastern people working there as Koreans.

Interest in Korean culture has increased over the last few years and is set to increase further, especially with K-pop artistes and bands like BTS skyrocketing in popularity internationally and in India. Hopefully, this means only good things for both fans of Korean culture as well as the number of Korean restaurants in Bengaluru.

Left to right: A still from *Squid Game* (inset-Dalgona coffee), Gimbap

K-POP, KIMCHI AND KARNATAKA

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

EXPERIENCE MUSIC

With themes ranging from the legends of Bollywood to folk music from around the country, and indie rock, learn about traditional music at the Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar.
When: Every day
Details: bookmyshow.com

MUSICAL WOMEN

Based on the book *Women of the Records* by Vikram Sampath which has music mastered by Michael Graves, join Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Ricky Kej in the panel discussion on women in music.
When: Oct 23, 6 pm
Details: Bangalore International Centre

PARTY NIGHT

Wow Wednesday's party night is back at Vapour, Indiranagar. Unwind this mid-week as city's popular DJs take over the deck and spin Bollywood chartbusters.
When: Oct 20 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

SUNRISE VIEWS

Experience the Skandagiri sunrise, 70 km from Bengaluru. With a few pickup points around 11 pm within the city, trek the hill and return in time for lunch the next day.
When: Oct 22 onwards **Details:** bookmyshow.com

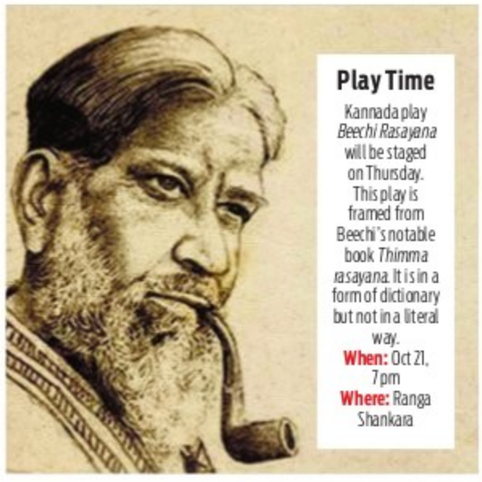
TRY SOMETING NEW AND INDULGE IN AN EXCLUSIVE WINE EXPERIENCE AT **BIG BANYAN VINEYARD TOURS. WHEN:** TILL OCT 31 **DETAILS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Student Showcase

Artflute presents 'Ungallery-Emerge 2021', an online student showcase designed with an aim to create a platform for young artists to increase their exposure amongst potential art enthusiasts and collectors, young and veterans. There are works of painting, drawing, printmaking collage and more.
When: Till Oct 31
Details: artflute.com

Gift Gratitude

The Body Shop's new Deepavali collection has a range of options to choose from for gifting. All items are vegan and packed to make festive season colourful. **Price:** ₹ 695 onwards **Availableat:** www.thebodyshop.in



Play Time

Kannada play *Beechi Rasayana* will be staged on Thursday. This play is framed from Beechi's notable book *Thimma rasayana*. It is in a form of dictionary but not in a literal way.
When: Oct 21, 7 pm
Where: Ranga Shankara

Pop-up Desserts

For three days, Foodhall will be hosting Magnolia Bakery at 1MG, Lido Mall. They will be showing cupcakes, Tres Leches pudding, brownies, cookie jars and Deepavali hampers. **When:** Oct 22-24, 10 am onwards
Details: 7400444525

Mysterious Takes

In Escape roomes, you and your team are locked in a thrill space and you have exact 60 minutes to use logic, solve puzzles, find hints, and prove the power of team work to pave your path to freedom.
When: Oct 20-31 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

MOONG DAL CHEELA RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- **Yellow moong dal:** 1 cup
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Red chili powder:** 1 tsp
- **Asafoetida:** 1/4 tsp
- **Salt** to taste
- **Capsicum:** 1/4 cup, chopped
- **Onion:** 1/4 cup, chopped
- **Tomato:** 1/4 cup, chopped
- **Green chilli:** 2
- **Coriander leaves:** 2 tbsp, chopped

METHOD

- Clean, wash and soak moong dal for 3-4 hours. Drain and make a fine paste of the soaked dal. Cover it and keep it aside for 5-6 hours or overnight.
- Add 1/4 cup water in fermented dal and whisk till it is creamy. Mix turmeric powder, red chili powder, salt and asafoetida. Chop the vegetables finely.
- Heat a pan, grease with oil and pour a ladle of batter. Spread the vegetables. Add one teaspoon oil, cover and cook on a low flame till it turns golden. Flip it and cook on the vegetable side too.

— Anupama Sredhar, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

ARDHA URDHVA UPAVISTHA KONASANA

(HALF UPRIGHT SEATED ANGLE POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'ardha' means half, 'urdhva' means upright, 'upavistha' means seated, 'kona' means angle and 'asana' means pose. It is a beginner seated leg stretch, and a less challenging variation of the full pose, Urdhva Upavistha Konasana. For yogis who find even this version challenging, a yoga strap can be used. The pose is believed to help balance Svadisthana (spleen or sacral) and Muladhara (root) chakra.

STEPS

- Come into Dandasana Pose (Staff Pose), relax the body.
- Inhale and place the feet together close to the perennial. Holding the left toe with your left hand and the right toe with your right hand, inhale and raise the right leg up and away from you. Exhale completely and keep the spine straight, remain here for about six breaths and stretch deeper with each breath.
- Release the leg and come back to Baddha Konasana (Bound Angle Pose) and relax the hips. Then, follow the same steps and stretch out the other leg.
- The deeper the pose, the deeper the stretches. One could use an elastic rubber to help keep the knees straight or one could sit on a cushion or blanket to give better support for the hips.

BENEFITS

- Regular practice improves balance, helps in diabetes.
- Strengthens and tones the abs, spine and legs.
- Massages the spinal column.
- Beneficial for patients with varicose veins.
- Regular practice stimulates the internal organs.

LIMITATIONS

- Those who have any back injuries, ulcer or hernia, should avoid this.
- People suffering from back pain, slip disc or chronic diseases should practise this under supervision of a yoga expert.
- Pregnant women should avoid this. If you have stress-related headaches, migraine, eyestrain, low blood pressure, osteoarthritis of the knees or bulimia, avoid this.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

PHILOSOPHY BITES
Had any chats about the importance of metaphysics to our understanding of the world? Know what verificationism is? 'Philosophy Bites' hosts Nigel Warburton and David Edmonds invite guests for great intros to the debates, thinkers and thoughts that have shaped our world.
- On Apple Podcasts

DECODER
Decoder is a new show from The Verge about big ideas. Verge editor-in-chief Nilay Patel talks to a diverse cast of innovators and policymakers at the frontiers of business and technology to reveal how they're navigating an ever-changing landscape.
- On Apple Podcast

KAHANI SUNAO
A podcast that aims to revive Indian classical stories by reputed literary writers like Jaishankar Prasad and Munshi Premchand. The podcast's episodes are to the point, some even three minutes short.
- On Gaana.com

WHY WON'T YOU DATE ME?
We've all asked ourselves that, haven't we? Hilarious host Nicole Byer spends each episode of 'Why Won't You Date Me' talking about modern dating, including conversations about apps, open relationships, matchmakers and more.
- On Apple Podcast

ON THE CONTRARY
Hosted by Arun Maira, a former member of the Planning Commission and former Chairman of the Boston Consulting Group. The show highlights various issues that concern India's future. Different experts talk about perspectives on caste, environment.
- On Audible

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

BAIRAVAA
A loan recovery officer, Bhairava, finds a girl who wants to expose a local gangster and starts liking her. However, when he listens to her story, Bhairava decides to help her in her endeavours.
- Cast: Keerthy Suresh, Vijay, Jagapathi Babu, Aparna Vinod

VENKY MAMA
Karthik becomes an orphan after the sudden demise of his parents. Despite opposition from his superstitious grandfather, his maternal uncle decides to raise him as his own.
- Cast: Daggubati Venkatesh, Naga Chaitanya, Payal Rajput, Rashi Khanna

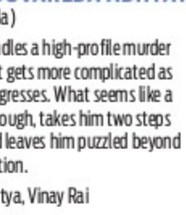
JOGAYYA
Madesha, a resident of Karnataka, single-handedly decides to take action against the plight of exploited farmers and changes the political scenario in the state.
- Cast: Sumit Kaur Atwal, Shiva Rajkumar, Pooja Gandhi

BANGARADA MANUSHYA
When Shivraj, a wealthy businessman living in London, learns how his father led an agricultural revolution to save the farmers, he returns to India to help them again.
- Cast: Vidhya, Shiva Rajkumar, Sadhu Kokila, Sharath Lohitashwa

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

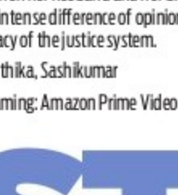
1 WHY CHILDREN STAY SILENT FOLLOWING SEXUAL VIOLENCE BY KRISTIN JONES
In this courageous talk, advocate Kristin Jones tells her story of overcoming the shame that followed sexual abuse as a teenager — and shares how parents can foster an open conversation about abuse to empower kids and encourage them to ask for help.



2 THE CRITICAL ROLE LIBRARIANS PLAY IN THE OPIOID CRISIS BY CHERA KOWALSKI
Public libraries have always been about more than just books — and their mission of community support has taken on new urgency during the current opioid epidemic. After witnessing overdoses at her library in Philadelphia, Chera Kowalski learned how to administer naloxone, a drug that reverses the effects of narcotics.

3 LET'S NOT USE MARS AS A BACKUP PLANET BY LUCIANNE WALKOWICZ
Stellar astronomer and TED Senior Fellow Lucianne Walkowicz works on NASA's Kepler mission, searching for places in the universe that could support life. So it's worth a listen when she asks us to think carefully about Mars.

4 WHY CIVILIANS SUFFER MORE ONCE A WAR IS OVER BY MARGARET BOURDEAUX
In a war, it turns out that violence isn't the biggest killer of civilians. What is? Illness, hunger, poverty — because war destroys the institutions that keep society running, like utilities, banks, food systems and hospitals. Physician Margaret Bourdeaux proposes a bold approach to post-conflict recovery, setting priorities on what to fix first.



5 THE DANGERS OF A NOISY OCEAN — AND HOW WE CAN QUIET IT DOWN BY NICOLA JONES
The ocean is a naturally noisy place full of singing whales, grunting fish, snapping shrimp, cracking ice, wind and rain. But human-made sounds have become an acute threat to marine life, says science journalist Nicola Jones. Watch as she discusses the strange things that happen to underwater creatures in the face of ocean noise pollution.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

LIFT (Tamil)
A man's first day on the job turns into a nightmare after some vengeful spirits begin to create trouble by trapping him in an elevator.
Cast: Kavin, Amritha Iyer
- Streaming: Disney Hotstar

SARDAR UDHAM (Hindi)
The movie follows the life of Sardar Udham Singh, a revolutionary freedom fighter, who assassinated Michael O'Dwyer in London to avenge the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar.
Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Amol Parashar
- Streaming: Amazon Prime Video

SEETHARAM BENOY (Kannada)
An inspector posted to a rural forested area becomes intrigued with the series of strange robberies and crimes in his jurisdiction and is determined to get to the root of it.
Cast: Vijay Raghavendra, Sathwik Hebbar
- Streaming: Amazon Prime Video

JATHI RATNALU (Telugu)
Three young men leave their village to find decent jobs in the city. However, they find themselves in a pickle when a minister blackmails them for a lost mobile phone.
Cast: Faria Abdullah, Naveen Polishetty, Anudeep KV
- Streaming: Amazon Prime Video

EE NAGARANIKI EMAINDI (Telugu)
Childhood friends Vivek, Karthik, Kaushik, and Uppi hope for careers in film-making during university, but eventually give up and settle into other jobs. To earn money for a wedding, they enter Goa Short Film Festival and rekindle their dream.
Cast: Anisha Ambrose, Abhinav Gomatam
- Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

MUNDUVAREDA ADHYAYA (Kannada)
Bala handles a high-profile murder case that gets more complicated as time progresses. What seems like a breakthrough, takes him two steps back and leaves him puzzled beyond imagination.
Cast: Aditya, Vinay Rai
- Streaming: Amazon Prime Video

UDANPIRAPPE (Tamil)
A woman tries to establish peace in her family when her husband and her brother have an intense difference of opinion over the efficacy of the justice system.
Cast: Jyothika, Sashikumar
- Streaming: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

SQUID GAME (Korean, series)
Hundreds of cash-strapped contestants accept an invitation to compete in children's games for a tempting prize, but the stakes are deadly.
Cast: Lee Jung-jae, Park Hae-soo, O Yeong-su, Wi Ha-joon
- Watch on: Netflix

THE GREEN KNIGHT (English)
This is the story of Gawain, a knight and the nephew of King Arthur, and his encounters with the mysterious Green Knight. The mysterious knight barges into a Christmas feast held by the king and challenges anyone to land a blow on him in exchange for his fabled green axe.
Cast: Dev Patel, Alicia Vikander, Joel Edgerton, Sarita Choudhury
- Streaming: Amazon Prime

BLACK WIDOW (English)
Natasha Romanoff, a former KGB spy, is shocked to find out that her ex handler, General Dreykov, is still alive. While evading capture by Taskmaster, she is forced to confront her dark past.
Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Florence Pugh, David Harbour, O-T Fagbenle
- Available on: Disney+ Hotstar

I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (English, series)
Teenagers are stalked by a mysterious killer, a year after a fatal accident on the night of their graduation.
Cast: Madison Iseman, Bill Heck, Brianne Tju, Ezekiel Goodman
- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION
Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per month
Sony Liv: ₹ 299 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month

BOOK SHELF

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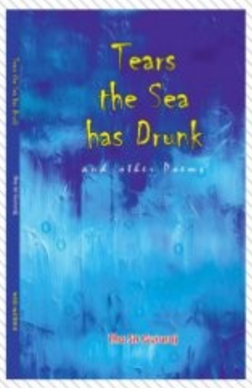
Author: Lakshmipathi Kolara

Pages: 88

THE book is a play written by Kolara and translated by Tha Sri Gururaj from its original Kannada. The story tries to portray the conflicts between Israel and Palestine, basing itself on true events that have occurred between Palestinian civilians and the Israeli military. The play focuses specifically on the brutality of the Israel Defense Forces when dealing with Palestinian women and children as well as various other atrocities committed. The play also serves as a commentary into the possible comparisons we can make between the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the Indian context with Indian politics as well.

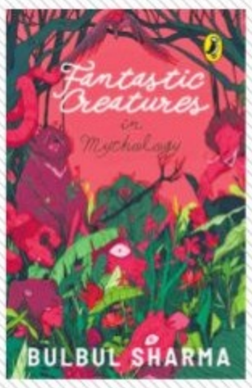


TEARS THE SEA HAS DRUNK AND OTHER POEMS

Author: Tha Sri Gururaj

Pages: 96

TEARS the Sea has Drunk and Other Poems is a collection of self-composed poems by Tha Sri Gururaj. The collection of 46 poems use powerful imagery to evoke an emotional response from its readers. The poems range from verses that use nature as a focal point for what the poet wants to say to poems that explore life in India. Many of the poems, focusing especially on the plight of Indians who live in poverty, have won numerous awards. The poet is known particularly for his translations and is a lecturer at the Regional Institute of English in Bengaluru. The foreword for the collection was written by Andrew Sano, a poet living in Oakland, California.

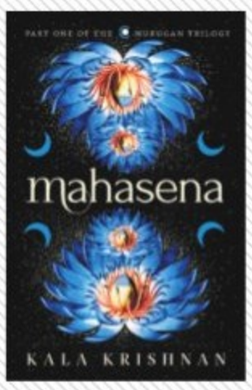


FANTASTIC CREATURES IN MYTHOLOGY

Author: Bulbul Sharma

Pages: 120

FANTASTIC Creatures in Mythology is an interesting rendition on the deities and demons found in India's Hindu epics. The colourful book is filled with a number of hand-picked tales from the epics, featuring a cast of fascinating magical creatures from Hindu mythology. The book, aimed at children, is written in simple language, and is full of vivid and new takes on how the creatures as well as the deities are illustrated. The bestselling author, who is also a painter, has worked on several other children's novels like *Tales of Fabled Beasts*, *Gods and Demons* and *The Ramayana for Children*.



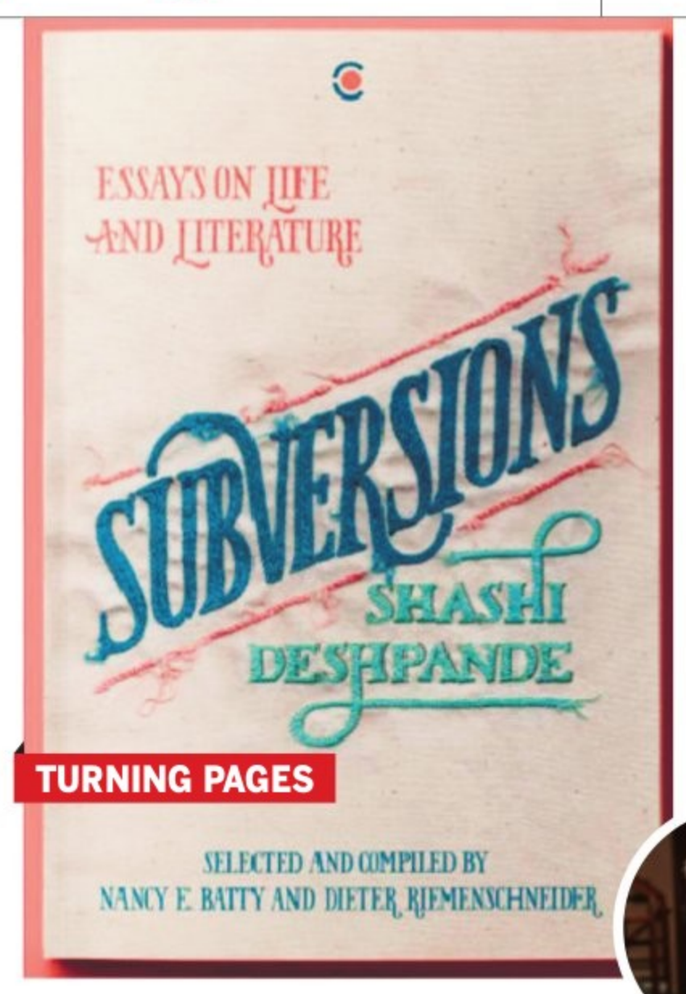
MAHASENA

Author: Kala Krishnan

Pages: 264

THE book is the first of the *Murugan* trilogy, exploring the Murugan universe. It is an ode to Tamil culture as well as poets. Known by many names, Murugan is the god of Tamil and of poetry, of writers and lovers, but also of war and bravery. The book expands on the universe and its mythology, following the story of the boy god, the younger brother of Ganesha, on his perilous journey to becoming a battle-ready warrior. The story is one of preparation as he embarks on a journey to defeat Surapadman, the greatest of the Suras and Asuras.

'HERE I SAW HOW DIFFERENT WOMEN WERE'



TURNING PAGES

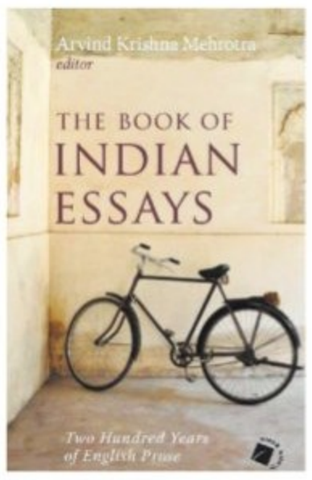
Shashi Deshpande

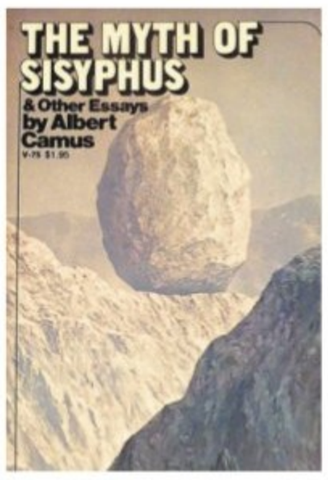
TO go back to 1956 — my father must have realised that a hotel was not the place for his family, for we quickly moved into a temporary home.

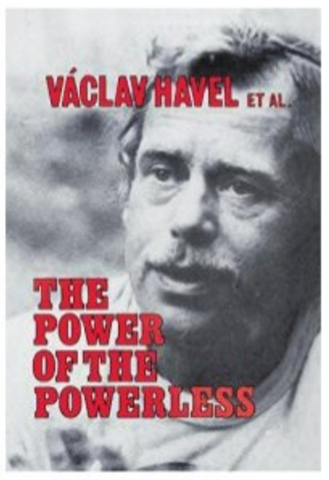
A colleague of his offered us the use of some rooms on the first floor of a relative's house in nearby Nehrunagar. The road was parallel to the railway line and, sitting on the large bacony above the portico, we could wave to the passengers of the trains that clattered past. I remember the beautiful red polished floor of that house, so typical of Bangalore houses then, of how it shone, almost like a mirror, and how cool it was under our feet when it rained. It was an interesting household; our host had 'married' a second time to get a child and an astrologer had promised that a child would 'soon come'. Unfortunately, we were not to know if that happened, for in a fortnight or so we left the place and moved into our first real home in Bangalore. This house, in Kumara Park, was like the innumerable Housing Board houses scattered through the city, and it had, in the landlords' terminology, one 'hall-u', two 'rooms-u', a 'kitchen-u' and a 'bathroom-u'. The entrance was a small grilled space, from where you could see who your visitors were, as well as watch the world go by. It was also the place where family and visitors shed their footwear when they entered. I remember when my father once had a reading of his play, which took place in the 'hall-u', someone carried away all the footwear — ours, as well as the visitors' — while the reading was going on. A whole lot of theatre enthusiasts walked home on their bare feet that evening!

We lived here for nearly two years, but scarcely came to know any neighbours, except our landlord and the couple who lived behind us. People in Bangalore, we realised, didn't believe in neighbourliness; they preferred to stare out of their windows when you passed by, to give you a blank stare when you met. During festival times, however, unknown little girls in long skirts came with invitations. Accepting these invitations meant that we were now met by occasional smiles and my mother with the inevitable inane question, 'Oota aaytaa?' (Have you eaten?). Nevertheless, the houses were so close that we were often granted intimate glimpses of our neighbours' lives. Living in such close proximity to others was a strange new experience for me; before this, we had lived in Dharwad, where our closest neighbours were beyond shouting distance. It was here that I saw the repetitiveness of women's lives, heard their conversations in the afternoon when their morning chores were done, noting the cadences in their voices as they spoke. Here that I saw how different women were when no men were around. Sounds that came back to me years later when I began writing.

(Excerpted with permission from 'Subversions: Essays on Life and Literature' by Shashi Deshpande, published by Context (Westland)







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The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books

ESSAY ON ESSAYS

THE word 'essay' brings to mind only the essays we studied or wrote during our schooldays. The word derives from the French infinitive essayer, "to try" or "to attempt". The 16th century author Michel de Montaigne was the first to describe his work as essays, characterising them as "attempts" to put his thoughts into writing.

The essay is my favourite genre, especially the shorter form, which goes back to Greek philosopher Heraclitus, Roman philosopher Seneca, and Japanese author and poet Sei Shonagon, for instance. But the modern notion of what we now call flash non-fiction was kick-started in 1990 by Bernard Cooper's elegant and unusual *Maps to Anywhere*. One of my favourite collections of flash non-fiction is *The Best of Brevity*, an anthology of 84 essays.

The definition of an essay is vague, but to put it simply, it is an argument made by the author on a specific topic that could range from a political manifesto to a personal reflection. An essay might offer an answer, but it is just as important for it to leave you with questions. A good essay promotes conversation. According to Aldous Huxley, "the essay is a literary device for saying almost everything about almost anything". He adds that it is almost by definition a short piece.

I find Arundathi Roy's long essays, pieces of art and a joy to read, even if at times I disagree with her point of view. Her *My Seditious Heart* is a collection of two decades of writing political essays as a way of opening up space for justice, rights and freedom in an increasingly hostile environment. *The Book of Indian Essays*, an anthology of Indian short prose edited by poet and literary critic Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, is a must read.

One of my favourites is the philosophical long essay *The Myth of Sisyphus* by Albert Camus, published in 1942 in French. Camus uses the Greek legend of Sisyphus, who is condemned by the gods for eternity to repeatedly roll a boulder up a hill only to have it roll down again once he got it to the top, as a metaphor for the individual's persistent struggle against the essential absurdity of life. He argues that with the joyful acceptance of the struggle against defeat, the individual gains definition and identity.

The political essay *The Power of the Powerless* written in 1978 by Czech dramatist Vaclav Havel became a manifesto for dissent in Czechoslovakia, Poland, and other communist regimes. The essay dissects the nature of the communist regime and discusses ideas and possible actions by loose communities of individuals linked by a common cause. Havel talks of a post-democratic system that should provide hope for a moral reconstitution of society.

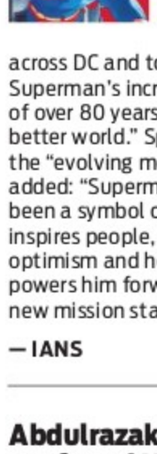
James Baldwin's brilliant and provocative essays made him the literary voice of the Civil Rights Era. They continue to speak to us with the same powerful urgency as they did decades ago. Audre Lorde's Sister Outsider contains 15 essays and speeches that take on sexism, racism, ageism, homophobia, and class, and propound social difference as a vehicle for action and change.

Essays have the ability to both amuse and surprise us. The feelings and ideas in them provoke thought, compassion, and a sense of wonder. As Mehrotra wrote in the *Introduction to The Book of Indian Essays*, "The essay, like a penknife, can be put to many uses; like a newspaper aeroplane, it can fly and crash and fly again; as a literary genre, it is unfussy. The essay gathers no dust."

NUGGETS

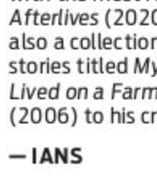
Best-selling author Amish's titles now available as audiobooks

Contemporary Indian fiction writer, Amish's books are now available in an audiobook format in eight different languages on Storytel. The languages are Marathi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Gujarati, Assamese and Malayalam. Some of the books included are *The Shiva trilogy*, *Ram Chandra Series* and other the non-fiction series.



Superman to now fight for 'Truth, Justice, and a Better Tomorrow'

DC's Chief Creative Officer and publisher Jim Lee announced that Superman will have a better, and more neutral, motto. So, from *Truth, Justice, and the American Way*, the more politically correct superhero will fight for 'Truth, Justice, and A Better Tomorrow'.



Lee said the change has been made to "better reflect the storylines that we are telling across DC and to honoor Superman's incredible legacy of over 80 years of building a better world." Speaking about the "evolving motto", Lee added: "Superman has long been a symbol of hope who inspires people, and it is that optimism and hope that powers him forward with this new mission statement."

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Abdulrazak Gurnah conferred Nobel Prize for Literature 2021

Tanzania-born UK-based post-colonialist novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah, whose oeuvre mainly deals with the physical and mental disruptions faced by refugees, was conferred the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2021. Beginning with *Memory of Departure* (1987), his 10 novels include the Booker and Whitbread-nominated *Paradise* (1994), with the most recent being *Afterlives* (2020). He has also a collection of short-stories titled *My Mother Lived on a Farm in Africa* (2006) to his credit.

— IANS

Cheating on cricket with football

URBAN BOURBON

Hriday Ranjan

Writer, comedian

HRIDAY RANJAN

I HAVE always maintained that cricket is crack cocaine to us Indians. If denied our cricket, we might often do crazy things — like asking our politicians for accountability. The IPL is our annual drug vacation. But this year, (much like Modiji's vaccine), we were given the first dose of IPL in April, and the second dose three months later.

I have watched, played and written about cricket for decades. I have defended the sport, attributing our love for cricket as a remnant of our colonial history. When asked why so few nations play the sport, I argued that at least it gave us a chance to be No.1 in one sport — considering our records in other sports. When quizzed about the slow nature of cricket, I would reply that it was the perfect sport for a pot-bellied nation where people didn't really like to run.

But something has changed in the last few months. I once cursorily tagged along with my friends to a game of soccer, and now I'm hooked! Like Ranbir Kapoor coming of age in a film, I have broken free from my toxic relationship with cricket.

In soccer, one is constantly involved in the sport. Unlike in cricket, where one could play an entire game without even touching the ball once! Soccer does not require you to be blessed with the sublime gifts of a Sachin Tendulkar to impact the game. An assist is as satisfying as scoring a goal. In cricket, one often knows the result of the game by looking at the first half. In soccer on the other hand, there is a constant sense of unpredictability. Ten good minutes could swing a match either way.

Cricket is often called the 'gentleman's game', but soccer brings out one's banal, animalistic nature. The constant banter, chatter and sledging gives one the feeling of playing a real sport. Cricket, on the other hand, could be played inside a library! What would amount to a 3-match ban in cricket wouldn't even be double-checked in soccer. Even the experience of watching soccer has spoiled me. On days that have both cricket and soccer matches, I often finish watching an entire soccer match, only to find that not even a quarter of the cricket match has been completed. Soccer does not feature commentary by geriatric gentlemen who played the sport before computers were invented.

I have been playing soccer for a few months now. I perform standup comedy on weekends, and review films on Fridays. But Wednesdays have been my favourite days of the week for the last few months. My column gets published in the newspaper, and I join my friends in a game of soccer. In all senses of the term, I have broken up with cricket and started flirting with soccer.

But I often think back to my relationship with cricket and wonder — how come a sport like soccer didn't catch up in India? Soccer requires no equipment or infrastructure, and involves every single member of the team. And that is when it struck me!

We, in India, have had the caste system for thousands of years. It's no wonder we love a sport where a minority hit the ball around, others run around to collect it, while some don't even get to touch the ball through the game. Some are not even allowed to play the sport; their only job is to give the players water!

As a nation that still practices untouchability, how could we take to a contact sport like soccer? Which is probably why we love cricket — a sport where the ball is wiped a number of times before being delivered to the batsman.

(The writer's views are his own)

Puneeth Rajkumar

The actor and director of *Prithvi* is teaming up for a film, made under the actor's home banner, PRK Productions

PUNEETH RAJKUMAR AND JACOB VERGHESE TO COLLABORATE AGAIN

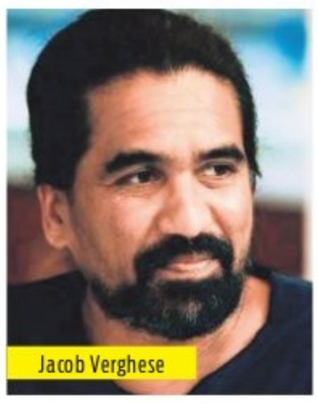
A SHARADHAA

JACOB Verghese's directorial venture *Prithvi* (2010), starring Puneeth Rajkumar, is considered as one of the unique films from the Powerstar. It also brought out the best performance from the actor. Looks like Jacob and Puneeth are coming together for a film again, according to a source close to the actor.

In addition to that, we learnt the film will be produced by Puneeth's home banner PRK Productions - making it its first project with the actor in a full-fledged role. The film will go on floors once the actor wraps up his other commitments.

The duo have already discussed the film and has locked a script. Meanwhile, Jacob is currently working on the cast and technical crew of the film.

The makers have planned to begin the shoot of the film sometime in February 2022. The title of the film will be announced soon.


Jacob Verghese

Puneeth Rajkumar is currently on the sets of Chethan Kumar's *James*. He will next shoot for Pawan Kumar's *Dvitva* in November, which will be made under Hombale Films. He has also signed in for projects with director Dinakar Thoogudeepa, Santhosh Ananddram, and S Krishna, which will go on floors in 2022.

TELUGU VERSION OF *KOTIGOBBA 3* TO RELEASE IN NOVEMBER

The Sudeep-starrer mass commercial entertainer, which was released on Oct 15, has set the cash registers ringing at the box-office

CE FEATURES

KOTIGOBBA 3, one of the big-ticket films that were released on October 15, has set the cash registers ringing. The film, directed by Shiva Karthik, starring Sudeep in the lead role, has minted about ₹ 40.5 crores in 4 days in Karnataka. Considering the post-pandemic situations, the team is happy with the extraordinary results.

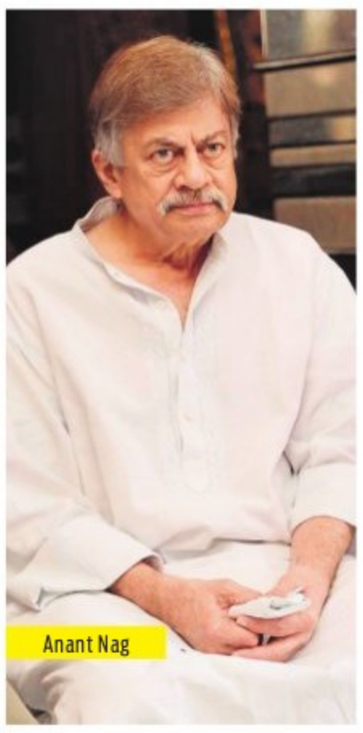
Meanwhile, the makers have planned to release a Telugu dubbed version of the film in November. The official release date of the film will be announced soon. Sudeep has made a mark in Tollywood with films like *Eega*, and Kotigobba 3 will be his latest offering to his Telugu audience.

Apart from Sudeep, the film also stars Ravi Shankar, Aftab Shivdasani, Madonna Sebastian, Shraddha Das, and Nawab Shah among others.

Sudeep

Aindrita Ray

Team of *Thimmayya and Thimmayya* at Muhurat


Anant Nag

DIGANTH, ANANT NAG TEAM UP FOR *THIMAYYA & THIMAYYA*

The family drama, directed by debutant Sanjay Sharma, will also feature Aindrita Ray and Shubra Aiyappa

CE FEATURES

DIGANTH, who recently wrapped up shooting for a bunch of projects, has moved on to his next. He will begin filming for the upcoming family drama, *Thimayya & Thimayya* from October 21. The film produced by Rajesh Sharma will have Diganth sharing screen space with legendary actor, Anant Nag. Commercial ad film director Sanjay Sharma is set to make his directorial debut with this film. "*Thimayya & Thimayya* will have Anant Nag in a grandfather's role, and I play his grandson. It is about an affluent family with roots in Madikeri. It is a beautifully written script by debutant director Sanjay Sharma. We will begin shooting in Bengaluru, and will be heading to Madikeri and Mysuru next," says Diganth.

Thimayya & Thimayya will also have Aindrita Ray featuring alongside Diganth. The real-life couple have earlier teamed up in films like *Manasare, Parijatha,* and the upcoming Vinayaka Godsara film, *Kshamisi Nimma Katheyali Hannavilla*. Apart from Aindrita, the film will also have Shubra Aiyappa as the lead. "It is not a regular hero and heroine film, but a content-based subject, and will be unique," says the actor, adding, "Sanjay is from Bengaluru and later moved to Mumbai where he directed some famous ads and documentaries. It was Covid that brought him back to the city, and he came with a beautiful story."

Diganth has an interesting lineup of films that includes *Huttu Habbada Subashayagalu, Kshamisi Nimma Katheyalli Hannavilla, MariGold* in different stages of post-production. "I have finally completed shooting my portions for *Gaalipata 2*. This apart, I am left with 4 days of shoot for the *Evaru* remake. I also have *Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana* in the lineup, shooting for which will begin in November."

Shubra Aiyappa

Diganth

Yohani's *Manike Mage Hithe* to have its Bollywood debut in *Thank God*

Yohani

CE FEATURES

SRI Lankan singer Yohani, known for the viral hit *Manike Mage Hithe,* will see the Hindi version of her track featured in Indra Kumar's *Thank God*. The film is a slice-of-life comedy starring Ajay Devgn, Sidharth Malhotra, and Rakul Preet Singh. It is set for a theatrical release next year.

The Hindi version of *Manike Mage* will be composed by Tanishk. The lyrics are being penned by Rashmi Virag.

Confirming the development, director Indra Kumar says, "Yohani's song has become a super sensation and I am extremely thankful to Bhushanji for giving me this blockbuster track to be part of *Thank God*! We are all very excited for this version and will begin shooting soon for the track."

Yohani says she has received tremendous love and support from India. "(I) am extremely grateful to Bhushan Kumar, Indra Kumar and the entire team of Thank God for presenting the Hindi version of my track in the film! I am looking forward to visiting India soon!"

Thank God is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Ashok Thakeria, Sunir Kheterpal, Deepak Mukut, Anand Pandit, and Markand Adhikari and co-produced by Yash Shah.

Kangana Ranaut-starrer *Dhaakad* to release on April 8, 2022

Kangana Ranaut

CE FEATURES

Kangana Ranaut's long-mooted actioner, *Dhaakad,* will release on April 8, 2022, the makers have announced.

Directed by Razneesh Ghai, *Dhaakad* is a big-scale spy thriller and the first of its kind in India to feature a female lead. Kangana's character in the film is named Agent Agni. It also stars Arjun Rampal (as the antagonist Rudra) and Divya Dutta.

Dhaakad was shot in Bhopal, Budapest, and Mumbai. The film will see Agni taking on the world of child trafficking and exploitation of women.

Talking about the release date, Kangana says, "*Dhaakad* is the kind of film that's best relished on the big screens. It's a deeply stirring subject and we have made it on a scale that only theatres could do justice to. The layered story at the heart of it needs to reach out to the masses and I am certain, the film will speak to women across the board. I can't wait for the audience to meet Agent Agni on April 8."

Director Razy Ghai adds, "*Dhaakad* is a special movie that will always have my heart. As a team, we wanted to put our best foot forward. My intent was to ensure that *Dhaakad* stood at par with international action films. Our producers were a strong pillar of strength for us throughout. It was an incredibly challenging film to make. I am so thrilled for the audience to experience the rage and fury of Agni."

Mel Gibson to star in *John Wick* spin-off

Mel Gibson

CE FEATURES

Mel Gibson is set to play a pivotal role in the upcoming John Wick prequel series, *The Continental*. The spinoff, originally commissioned in 2018, will be made by Starz and Lionsgate Television.

The show will focus on the inner workings of the titular hotel, which serves as a refuge for assassins of the world. It will explore the origin behind the hotel-for-assassins through the eyes and actions of a young Winston Scott, who is dragged into the Hellscape of a 1975 New York City to face a past he thought he'd left behind.

"Winston charts a deadly course through the New York's mysterious underworld in a harrowing attempt to seize the iconic hotel, which serves as the meeting point for the world's most dangerous criminals," the plotline reads. Gibson will play a new character named Cormac, reported Deadline.